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HARRY POTTER fans emulate their favorite character Saturday by making wizard hats (above), that included face-painting, deciphering secret messages and making magic wands.

They're still wild about Harry

EL CERRITO — Some 45 young Harry Potter fans, as well as parents, flocked to the El Cerrito Library Saturday morning to celebrate their love of the popular book series by doing special activities.

Using the secret password to enter through the front door, each participant wore the Sorting Hat to be assigned to one of the four houses at Hogwarts School for Wizards. As they visited each of four activity stations they had lightning bolts painted on their foreheads, played "pin the tail on Dudley," read secret messages in the Mirror of Erised and made magic wands and wizard hats.

The purpose of the event was to capture the excitement the series has created and encourage young people to read other fantasy series while they wait for the next Harry Potter title to come out. That afternoon the event was repeated at the Pinole Branch Library, where it attracted upward of 60 Potter fans.

"This was a very ambitious program, the most ambitious program we've ever done in my time at the library," said head librarian Janet Hildebrand. "This is the first thing I've seen in my career that brings adults and children to the library."



Contract sweetens police retirement

By Leslie Fulbright
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — After a year of negotiating, the City Council finalized a four-year contract with the police union Monday night that includes a new state retirement benefit.

Representatives of the El Cerrito Police Employee's Association have been talking with the city since September 1999, three months before their last contract expired.

The new contract includes the "3 percent at 50" retirement benefit, one of two retirement plans approved by Gov. Gray Davis last year. The plan gives officers 3 percent of their top salaries in retirement for every year they were employed.

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AUSD reviews building projects

By Clare Curley
STAFF WRITER

ALBANY — Much of the Albany school board's curriculum and instruction meeting Tuesday revolved around updating members on building projects in the district, with the good news being that construction is progressing as planned.

At Albany High School, "Structural steel is up, roof panels are being added, and plumbing, framing and electrical work is in process," said assistant superintendent Walter Wallace.

Also, fireproofing continues on the third floor, and placement of panels has begun in the Area B Lobby.

As for Cornell, review of bathroom structures continues, the idea being to match standards at the high school by installing electric hand dryers and automatic flushing.

Installation of new playground equipment has also begun.

The district budget is also under review and will be completed in the coming months. Though details are to be announced, members were told that roughly \$264,000 in state money carried over from the previous year has been earmarked for special programs such as bilingual and special reading programs.

The initial budget report will be followed up with another one next month and a more extensive review in December.

Board member David Farrell raised one old area of concern when he questioned the output of methyl bromide, a chemical detected early last school year in the Albany Middle School gymnasium floor.

"The amount (exposed) has climbed each time" a report has come out, Farrell said.

But the amount still remains minuscule, according to superintendent Gary Mills, and hovers within acceptable health standards.

Mills said "My understanding is the latest report is acceptable," but that the district would continue to monitor possible chemical exposure at the school.

As for safety outside the schools, some development will have to wait.

The city had applied for a \$500,000 state Safe Schools grant this fall that would have funded bike routes, better signage and other safety measure near school grounds.

Eighty-five of more than 300 districts

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EC sets meeting on historic preservation

EL CERRITO — An informational meeting on historic preservation in El Cerrito with guest speaker of the John Waite, FAIA, at 5 p.m. on Oct. 6 at the Windrush School cafeteria, 1800 Elm St.

The will discuss such issues as An Overview of Historic Preservation; Advantages of Historic Preservation; and Adopting a Preservation Ordinance.

The meeting is being hosted by the El Cerrito Historical Society, Windrush School and interested residents.

Questions? Call Richard Takahashi, parks commissioner, at 510-525-1702 or 510-486-7285

WCCUSD gains debt relief

District gets an additional \$800,000, but community is still lobbying lawmakers

By Suzanne Pardington
STAFF WRITER

SACRAMENTO — As the ink dries on a \$4 million fiscal relief bill for West Contra Costa schools, some community leaders say they will continue to push lawmakers to rid the district of its entire \$21 million debt.

Gov. Gray Davis signed legislation Sunday giving the district an additional \$800,000 a year for five years.

His approval capped a yearlong campaign to ease the burden of the district's \$1.85 million annual payments on an emergency bailout loan that saved the district from bankruptcy in 1991.

Organizers of the lobbying effort say they are grateful for the money, but they will not stop there.

"I don't think this is the conclusion of a discussion; I think it's the beginning of a discussion," said Assemblywoman Dion Aroner, D-Berkeley, the bill's sponsor.

Aroner had been trying to get some form of debt relief through the Legislature for a year, despite the governor's belief that loan forgiveness was "bad policy," she said.

The current version is carefully worded not to be considered debt relief. Instead, the money is intended to compensate for the five years the district was excluded from the state's school construction program due to shaky finances.

Before asking for further relief, the 33,000-student district will have to show progress from the first allocation this year, Aroner said.

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Library tax gets backing of former opponents

Contra Costa Taxpayers Association had originally rejected the one-eighth-cent sales tax

By Matt Sebastian
STAFF WRITER

A group of tax opponents credited with defeating a Contra Costa library tax in 1998 did an about-face Monday, narrowly voting to back a similar measure on the November ballot.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association's board of directors voted 13-12 to endorse Measure L, a one-eighth-cent sales tax that would raise more than \$80 million for the county library system.

"The board felt strongly that libraries are very important, and the importance of our libraries outweighs their distaste for tax increases," said John Wolfe, the group's executive vice president.

Supporters of Measure L were delighted to learn of the group's decision to support the sales tax.

"I feel great," Contra Costa Supervisor Mark DeSaulnier said. "I think we would have won without their opposition (in 1998), so obviously, I think this is significant."

Julie Pierce, co-chairwoman of the Measure L campaign, said the association's endorsement could play a vital role in the fight for voters this fall.

"I think it really does put us above any other kind of tax measure," Pierce said. "It says, 'This is something that really is necessary for our community.' I think that it's something people will pay attention to."

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WORTH CHECKING OUT

Football time change

The starting time of the El Cerrito High School football game vs. Encinal on Friday, originally scheduled for 7 p.m., has been moved to 4 p.m. at El Cerrito High. The junior varsity game was moved to yesterday afternoon.

El Cerrito seeks community economic analysis

In an effort to adopt an economic development strategy to attract and retain businesses, both office and retail, the City of El Cerrito has released a request for proposal for consultant services. The city seeks a firm that can provide a comprehensive analysis of the city's economy, suggest businesses that would benefit from an El Cerrito address and satisfy the goods and service needs of residents and area businesses. Proposals are being accepted through Sept. 29 at City Hall. All interested parties are encouraged to submit proposals.

EC Garden Club

The El Cerrito Garden Club will meet at 9:30 a.m. on Thursday, Oct. 12, in the El Cerrito Community Center, 7007 Mooser Lane. Dr. Erik Gaensler will present a program on "The Dahlia Garden." Guests \$3. Call 510-524-5485 for more information.

Survivor Class

A Survivor Class (NEAT Training Course) will be held four consecutive Wednesday evenings from 7:15 - 9:15 p.m. from Oct. 4 through Oct. 25, with the Survivor Challenge (Skills Practice Session) on Saturday, Oct. 28 from 8:15 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It is important to attend all sessions of this comprehensive emergency preparedness survival course. Free. For location and reservation, call Pat Caffel, 525-7268. The NEAT Program offers information and

training in emergency preparedness for the residents of El Cerrito and Kensington. For more information about the NEAT Program, contact NEAT Program Coordinator Pat Caffel at 510-525-7268, or e-mail caffel@juno.com.

Saturday stories for kids

The Albany Library presents a series of Saturday Morning stories and films (for ages 3 - 5) at 11 a.m. every Saturday through Nov. 18 (except Oct. 28). The program at the Albany Library is free, and pre-schoolers are encouraged to take home new books. More information, call 526-3720, Children's desk.

Healthy garden workshop

The secrets of maintaining an "eco-friendly" garden will be revealed at a presentation Oct. 28 at the El Cerrito Senior Center on Stockton Avenue behind the El Cerrito Library. The Healthy Garden Workshop presented by the non-profit Bio-Integral Resource Center will show how to minimize the need for chemicals that are dangerous to children, pets and the environment, while building healthy soil, selecting plants best suited to the area and managing pests and weeds with "least-toxic, common sense strategies" that also conserve water. The session will be followed by an optional visit to an eco-friendly garden. Pre-registration is required and the cost is \$15. Cost of the workshop handbook is \$12. To register or get more details call Tanya Dr. Iker, 510-524-8404 or e-mail birc@igc.org.

Computers for low-income seniors

The Alameda County Computer Resource Center has computers available at no cost to low-income seniors and the disabled. The computers are refurbished and the center says they are in excellent working condition. For an ap-

plication send a letter with a self-addressed, stamped envelope to Alameda County Computer Resource Center, P.O. Box 2167, Oakland, CA 94621.

Albany Library contest

An "Antique or Unusual Kitchen Items Contest" is going on at the Albany Library, 1247 Marin Ave. Come try to identify the antique or unusual kitchen items in the display case at the Albany library and maybe you'll win a box of truffles. The contest runs until Sept. 30. Entry blanks are available at the reference desk.

Puppets in the Park

Snappdragon Puppeteers will present an exciting, action-packed puppet show for kids of all ages from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. on Oct. 15 at Arlington Park on Arlington Avenue in El Cerrito. There will be balloons, boxed lunches and a raffle for prizes. All proceeds benefit Berkeley Hills Nursery School. Tickets are available at the park and lunches can be pre-ordered by calling 510-525-3366.

Family story time

The Kensington Library hosts a free 7 p.m. family story time program this month for all ages on Sept. 26. Details: 510-524-3043.

City Wide Garage Sale

El Cerrito's 11th annual City Wide Garage Sale is Oct. 7. Those wishing to hold sales and be listed on the city's list of participants can pick up forms at the Recycling Center, Community Center, or City Hall. The \$5 fee is due by Oct. 1. For those interested in shopping, a free map and participant list will be available Oct. 6 and 7 at the Community Center, Recycling Center or on the city web site, www.ci.el-cerrito.ca.us

with directions to the five other gardens in Alameda, Berkeley and Oakland. Gardens from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information call 415-563-2427.

Six top gardens open for Saturday tour

On Saturday, Sept. 30, six private East Bay gardens — including the renowned Harland Hand garden in El Cerrito — will be open for the Garden Conservancy's National Open

Days program.

Admission is \$4 per garden and the tour is rain or shine. You can start the tour at the Hand garden, 825 Shevlin Dr., and pick up a brochure

Focus on the Chamber of Commerce

Sit back while I tell you all the good things about the Albany Chamber of Commerce.

Chamber members enjoy many benefits, such as having a column written about their business when they join and subsequent mentions when important events take place.

Having their business referred to the many people who call throughout the year needing referrals and trust the local Chamber of Commerce to refer reputable people to help them.

Publishers their name and address on the Internet as well as in the Albany Business and Information Directory.

One thing that is especially useful is that the Chamber Board of Directors attends all City Council and committee meetings to insure that the business community is represented and that they are protected. Most business people are too busy to attend such meetings but never fear we are there keeping an ever-vigilant eye and ear to the ground to

Albany Chamber

By Roxanne Wiley

protect small business.

The Chamber provides many other things, for instance:

■ Did you know that we give free ice cream to every child that goes to the Fourth of July celebration at Memorial Park? (This is more fun for us than it is for the kids.)

■ Did you know that Chamber volunteers provide and actually man the ladders to hang the Christmas lights on lower Solano and will continue to do so every Christmas?

■ Did you know that the Chamber and Golden Gate Fields sponsor Albany Day at the Races and provide raffle tickets that enables many non-profit organizations to raise badly needed funds?

■ Did you know that the office at 1108 Solano Ave. is a wealth of information providing to the public,

bus schedules, maps, city and county studies, school and recreation schedules and brochures?

■ Did you know that local schools often use the Chamber windows to place outstanding poetry?

■ Did you know that the Chamber is a Block Parent?

The Chamber of Commerce is a respected, resourceful and energetic group that is eager to continue to provide trusted leadership in the community. We encourage all who are not members to think about joining the fold and reaping the benefits. Call us at 510-525-1771.

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Intruder found under resident's bed

By K. Osborn
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — On the afternoon of Sept. 17 officers stopped a white '80 Toyota near Carleson Avenue for a vehicle code violation. The driver, an 18-year-old Richmond man, was found to be driving without a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. He vehicle was towed.

■ On the evening of Sept. 17 officers stopped a blue '97 Chevrolet El Camino near Solano Avenue and Madison Street for a vehicle code violation. The driver, a 47-year-old Richmond man, was found to be driving without a license and to have an outstanding warrant from the Alameda County Sheriff's office in the amount of \$500 for battery. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear. His vehicle was towed.

■ On the night of Sept. 18 a resident on the 600 block of San Gabriel Avenue requested officers come to her home because a 22-year-old Albany man was in her home and under her bed. It was unclear how he had entered the home but the

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woman had a restraining order against him. The man was also found to be on probation for vandalism. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Sept. 20 a resident on the 1200 block of Solano Avenue reported that during the night, while he was sleeping, a thief entered his residence and stole items. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 8:45 a.m. on Sept. 21 officers responded to the Shell Station at Marin and San Pablo Avenues on reports of a robbery that had just taken place. The thief, who had used a hammer as a weapon, was described to officers and as was last seen traveling east on Marin Avenue on a bike. Officers located a 37-year-old Berkeley man who matched the description. He was arrested and transported to the Berkeley jail.

■ On the morning of Sept. 21 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that his blue '93 Mitsubishi had been stolen. There were no witnesses.

■ On the morning of Sept. 21 a resident on the 400 block of Solano Avenue reported that vandals had "tagged" the front of the business. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 11:00 p.m. on Sept. 21 officers contacted a 38-year-old Pablo man in the parking lot of the Salvation Army on the 1300 block of Solano Avenue who was through donated items. A ver's License had been suspended and he also had outstanding warrants in the amount of \$1,000. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ At about 5 a.m. on Sept. 21 Cerrito police reported a blue '93 Mitsubishi Mirage that had been reported as stolen from a resident. They did not have anyone in the car and the owner was notified.

■ On the morning of Sept. 21 officers contacted a 38-year-old Pablo man on the 300 block of Masonic Avenue for suspicion

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Forged checks and lost drivers' licenses

JOURNAL STAFF

EL CERRITO — The city has been the target of identity thieves Bay Area-wide, often in the form of attempted forgery. But suspects are getting sloppy and have left a trail behind them in several cases currently under investigation.

Most recently, a 21-year-old Santa Rosa woman is suspected of trying to cash a forged check at Wells Fargo Bank, 9800 San Pablo Ave., the afternoon of Aug. 29. The woman allegedly fled the bank, leaving her identification behind, after a reporting officer called to verify the check.

In a similar case, the afternoon of Aug. 25, a 20-year-old Oakland woman fled the Wells Fargo Bank before police could arrive, after allegedly attempting to cash a forged check.

A witness reported that a green Toyota waiting outside the bank, later found to be registered under the name of a Sacramento woman, aided her escape.

Finally, on Aug. 24, around 3 p.m., a 31-year-old San Francisco man allegedly tried to cash a counterfeit check belonging to Wet Pets Center on 724 El Portal Dr. He signed the back of it in front of a reporting officer and a Mechanics Bank employee at 9996 San Pablo Ave., but fled and left behind his driver's license while the officer was on the phone with the center. He later called back to retrieve his license, according to the report.

"We're going to follow up on

(these incidents)," said Sgt. Wayne Mann, adding that it usually takes several weeks to investigate such cases.

■ The night of Aug. 30, a house on the 5500 block of Ludwig Avenue was robbed of jewelry, a handgun and some change, according to a police report. The resident, a 62-year-old woman, told police every room had been entered and described the suspect as wearing socks and gloves.

■ A 37-year-old El Cerrito woman told police a 35-year-old female acquaintance has been making harassing phone calls to her home on an ongoing basis.

■ A 34-year-old woman reported that a man has been peaking in her bedroom window while she is changing. The second occurrence was on Sept. 5 around 6:30 a.m., according to the report.

■ The night of Sept. 4, the driver's window was smashed of a Toyota Camry parked on the 1200 block of Liberty Street, resulting in \$150 worth of damage. The same night, the right rear window was smashed of a car on the 700 block of Gelston Place. No entry was made in either case, according to police.

■ A 14-year-old boy was charged with a misdemeanor for allegedly attacking two men, 38 and 43, over a

pack of cigarettes the afternoon of Sept. 4. The incident occurred on the 5800 block of Avila Street, according to a police report. The man reportedly a runaway juvenile, a group home, was later found returned to the home.

"He was contacted about a week later, and a report's going to be submitted to the juvenile probation department," said Mann.

■ The night of Aug. 25, a rear window of a Dodge Durango that was being rented by a 40-year-old man was smashed near the block of Humboldt Avenue.

■ The afternoon of Aug. 25, a man going by the name of King allegedly called an 88-year-old El Cerrito man and told him he was being awarded \$132,000 by the Canadian government in a case. The suspect told the man to send him check for \$23,000 to the Canadian tax, but the man declined.

■ Between 7:50 a.m. and 8 p.m. on Aug. 24, a house on the block of Liberty Street was robbed of two cordless phones and video game cassettes, worth \$380. According to police, entry was made through a rear bedroom window. There were no suspects at the time.

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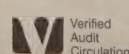
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Center focuses on movement as a healing alternative

By Katherine Field
CORRESPONDENT

ALBANY — In the Center for Moving Healing and Martial Arts, I can turn myself into a stream, and moving myself out onto the floor. From this state of emptiness all things arise," says instructor Barbara Langan and the class stands to begin. "In this state, open, empty," she says, "we're ready to fulfill our potential."

My potential has previously only been fulfilled with the help of a treadmill and several cases of aspirin, and this was a new experience.

Inspired by their own healed injuries, husband and wife team Barbara and Bernard Langan have been helping people recover from injuries and gain strength in their muscles and bones for over 15 years.

It began when Barbara was in a bad car accident 20 years ago. "Two surgeons said that I had a herniated disc, that I would have to fuse the disc in my neck," they asked her to sign a waiver saying that if she lost the use of her arms in the surgery, she wouldn't sue. It was at that point she began to look for other options.

"I took up Tai Chi and put off the surgery. In two years, I was healed. My X-rays show no herniation," Langan says. It is the Neigung class that begins to teach the body a new way of moving, and healing, and taking it's easy to see how Langan came to love the healing arts.

The studio is tranquil, with large-leaved plants and a big-bellied Chinese Buddha. The floor is pristine hardwood, and stacks of colorful, thick blankets for floor work sit to one side.

In one corner is a small fountain, creating a sound like trickling stream water — the only noise besides the hush of feet on the floors and the expelling of breath. A skeleton, seemingly out of place in this world of peace, is there to demonstrate proper alignment. "Our fascination here is body movement. We refer to certain bones, and where muscles attach," says Langan.

She also relies on touch as well as visuals, to show her students what they can do.

"Students learn a foundation — a way of moving and operating in your body — a natural movement," Langan says. She puts my hand on her wrist to show me, saying "it's movement, you do it naturally when you're a baby." I feel the space between her bones grow wide, then retract, and I realize what she means. Babies have more flexibility everywhere, an ability to stretch, like a cat stretches its claws into a rug, like a cheetah stretches out as it leaps into a run. She has this ability, too. And so do her students.

"We do courses that have been known to help Parkinson's disease and arthritis," Langan says, and touts that her classes are also arthritis-preventative. "It's excellent for revital-

"Students learn a foundation — a way of moving and operating in your body — a natural movement."

—Barbara Langan

izing organs and opening the joints of the body."

I had no idea what she was talking about. Joints? Aren't they connected or something? She takes my forearm and gently twists it back and forth.

"That's pretty good," she says, "you can turn your arm all the way to the right, but look, it won't budge if I try to go left." She runs her hands up my arm, pressing in different spots, relaxing my muscles. Massaging the inside of my elbow, she turns my forearm to the left, and it releases and flops over, as if it had been stuck closed, like a door.

"Currently I have two students who had polio in their youth, others with back injuries, with carpal tunnel syndrome," she and Bernard have helped students to build arches in flat feet, and to strengthen knees and backs after surgery.

We are stretching our stomach muscles, when I comment that this isn't unlike Feldenchrst.

"It's what works," Langan says. "We bring movement from many sources — Asian arts, Feldenchrst."

One of her teachers is an 86-year-old man who was originally certified by Feldenchrst himself.

"These ideas are totally congruent," she says, referring to the similarities between Feldenchrst, Tai Chi, the Alexander technique and classical ballet.

I feel taller by the end of the class, my feet feel more firmly planted on the ground, and I am totally relaxed.

"The Daoists say you can incorporate a change in your body once every hundred days. I usually recommend three to six months to see your body moving with more strength, correctly," Langan says.

Everyone who walks through the Center's door gets one free class, in anything from Neigung, recommended for beginners, to Tai Chi. The cost after that is on a sliding scale, and depends on the number of classes taken per week. An average price for one class (two times per week) is \$65 a month.

"We try to make it affordable to really train," Langan tells me. At those prices I'm ready to come back next week.

The center is located at 813 San Pablo Ave., just North of Solano, behind the Royal Café.

Workshop helps outline college options

By Jackie Burrell
STAFF WRITER

GPA is more important than SAT, curriculum counts and the answer to most college planning questions is "It depends," speakers said at UC Berkeley Extension's well-attended College Planning Workshop in Berkeley.

Organized by Moragan Marty Paulino, the event offered the expertise of college admissions counselors, SAT and financial aid experts and the greatest authorities on student life: college students from UC Berkeley and Saint Mary's. The issues of selecting a school and the importance of campus visits were raised by admissions consultant Jane McClure, but it was Berkeley student Janet Peng who stressed the need to look at a campus on a "normal" day.

"I was really swept up by Cal Day — the band was playing and everything. But you need to go on your own and see how it really is," says Peng. "Location plays a key role, how safe the campus is, how often you can go home. Think into the future."

McClure suggests that high school seniors build a list of six to nine colleges, with an assortment of "safety colleges" they are certain will accept them, some "probables" and some "reach" schools. Evaluate the schools' admissions priorities but realize that criteria on grade-point average, test

scores and extra-curriculars can vary dramatically. "It depends," McClure says, repeatedly. For the most selective schools, it all has to be stellar, "but if you're the star quarterback, throw everything I've said out the window!"

GPA is the most critical element, according to both McClure and the College Board's Kris Zavoli. "GPA is far more important than SAT score," says Zavoli. "It's a three-hour test versus three years of coursework and grades."

Every year, the press delights in reporting the number of 4.0s rejected by UC Berkeley, says McClure, who notes that having a 4.0 is not enough. Colleges look at depth of curriculum.

"Colleges want to see that you took the most academically challenging curriculum you could handle," she explains. She advocates that students fill their schedules with the most challenging courses they can handle.

Test scores are usually the second-most important factor, says Zavoli, and a low verbal score is a warning sign. "A low verbal spots the poor reader," she says.

Rather than spend hundreds of dollars on commercial test preparation services, Zavoli believes better results can be obtained through straightforward, inexpensive methods.

"Don't spend \$600 or \$700 for SAT prep courses. Use the free stuff, the

booklet, the collegeboard.com Web site. Take the PSAT twice for \$19. It's a risk-free test that you can use for guidance purposes," she says, explaining that PSAT exam results are returned with the test answers.

Extra-curricular activities that demonstrate persistence or creativity are "sparkle points" on an application, adds Zavoli. Four years of the same foreign language or eight years as a pianist are far more impressive than activities begun in the senior year.

Once the tests are taken, transcripts ordered and applications mailed, some families think nothing remains but to sit back and wait. "That's a common myth," says financial aid expert Sue Kim, who warns financial aid applications are due Jan. 1.

"Last year, Americans spent well over \$100 billion for college," she says. The cost of attending (COA) college is not just tuition. Books, computers, room and board and personal expenses can bump the price \$8,000 to \$11,000 over the cost of straight tuition, or more if you figure in the plane tickets to get your child to Harvard.

"Am I depressing you?" she asks, as the audience nods vigorously. The sticker price should not be a factor in where your child applies. The sticker price is not going to be your true out-of-pocket.

Saint Mary's College student Thi-

van Nguyen's financial aid package included dramatic tuition discounts because three siblings attended the school. Add in Cal Grants and "when I calculated the loans I'd received, Saint Mary's was the cheapest," says Nguyen.

Federal Pell Grants, Cal Grants and student loans are all components of financial aid packages, but the crux is the Expected Family Contribution (EFC), a computation based on 75 separate data elements including parental and student incomes and assets from the previous year. This is the amount the college expects a family to pay.

Subtract the EFC from the COA and you can begin talking financial aid, says Kim. Her recommendation: Understand how the EFC works while there is still time to shift assets or make changes, i.e., two years ahead.

While the 100-plus high schoolers and parents took plenty of notes during the workshop, it was perhaps the freshman parents that reaped the greatest benefits. Curriculum decisions and financial aid implications lie ahead, not behind them.

"There's so much more you need to know at the freshman level than the junior level," says Jean Lai, the mother of a Campolindo senior and a freshman. "By then it's too late. You can't change anything."

EL CERRITO IN BRIEF

No wrecking ball

The long-awaited demolition of the Emporium building at El Cerrito Plaza began Monday, but like the demolition of the building at the center's northwest corner there was no big bang. Call it more of stealth operation.

The building is being taken down "from the inside out, so there's no wrecking ball," said Shannon Stanford, of the marketing department of Regency Realty, the Plaza's co-owner. "There's already a backhoe that has cut into the side of the building and is pulling things out."

If all goes according to plan, observers should be able to see ample evidence that the building is coming down by today, Stanford said.

At the same time plans are proceeding for an installation of murals by local students in the courtyard between the Emporium and the shops (still open, by the way) in the center's south side building. The artwork was proposed and is being coordinated by Dr. Eve Ma, the founder of El Cerrito-based Celebrating Culture & Community.

No parking

Steve Mitchell, acting community development manager, reports that the city staff are receiving "weekly telephone calls and letters" from residents living near El Cerrito's two BART stations complaining about increased parking congestion on neighborhood streets.

"Hagen Boulevard at the top of Knott Avenue and Behrens Street south of Fairmount appear to be the

most seriously impacted by BART commuters searching for a parking space," Mitchell noted.

He said that representatives from Harding Elementary School on Fairmount Avenue have also called city staff regarding the lack of parking near the school for teachers and administrative staff.

Staff from the city's maintenance and engineering services division, the Police Department and the city attorney are working to evaluate and plan implementation of parking changes near the two BART area, Mitchell noted.

Changes approved by the City Council last June include expanding non-resident four-hour parking restrictions to both sides of streets that currently have one-side restrictions, implementation of a "guest" parking system and an on-street-pay-for-parking system adjacent to BART parking lots.

"Staff anticipates that a preliminary report on the proposed parking changes will be ready later this fall," Mitchell told the council.

No wading

The city's 2,529-square-foot wading pool has become unsafe and will be drained this week reports Monica Kortz, community services manager.

"At the conclusion of our summer 2000 program, the wading pool surface problems once again became apparent," Kortz reported to the City Council last week. "The surface had become inconsistent and very rough in places."

During the last week of summer swim lessons a youngster had a piece of the deteriorating pool surface imbedded in her foot, Kortz reported. She added that it is apparent that the pool will continue to pose a safety and liability problem.

"Staff determined that it was in the best safety interest of our swimmers to close the wading pool and not provide fall swim lessons to the community."

The Swim Center will be reconstructed, and will include a new and improved wading/training pool, next

year as part of the Measure A funding approved by the voters last March.

No safety

This year's Tri-City Safety Day has been canceled, reported Fire Chief Mark Scott.

"At the request of the El Cerrito Plaza management we must regrettably cancel the Tri-City Safety Day," Scott told the City Council last week.

"The pressures of reconstruction and numerous relocations within the Plaza have made the logistics of the annual fire show difficult to carry off."

Scott said the Fire Department approached other potential sponsors in hopes of having a "scaled down" version of the 14th annual safety day, but that did not pan out.

"Plaza management made it clear that they want the event to continue after the revitalization," Scott said. "Engineer Tim Murphy, the perennial organizer of this event, vows that the event will return."

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EDITORIAL

Afternoon football: A needed but hopefully temporary change

If you live in the immediate neighborhood around El Cerrito High School, the fall season is a scaled-down version of life around Memorial Stadium in Berkeley. During the week you can hear the marching band practice. Come Friday evening you better have your car parked or you'll lose your space to visiting parents, players and fans. The lights over the football field light the surrounding area and you can hear the cheers and the bands. In short, it's an event.

Teens and parents come, everybody yells, energy is expended in a benign way. Parking and noise problems are shrugged off, for the most part, by neighbors who realize they live next to a high school.

Two Fridays ago you could also hear a helicopter, flying low and pointing a searchlight at the school for at least half an hour. Suddenly it wasn't the illusion of collegial atmosphere on a fall Friday.

The next day it was the talk of the neighborhood. A loud, low-flying helicopter with a searchlight bright enough to simulate daytime can do that.

Nobody knew exactly what happened and everyone had questions. And of course there were already plenty of rumors going around. Talk of a stabbing that someone heard on a police scanner. Questions about where the helicopter came from and how it arrived so quickly. (El Cerrito Police Chief Scott Kirkland told our reporter last week that the Highway Patrol copter responded on hearing police radio reports of fights and crowd control problems.)

The West Contra Costa Unified School District Board is also awaiting answers.

Crowd control is a tough job in a large city with a large police force. It's even tougher when a large crowd comes to a small city with a small force. The El Cerrito department mustered the forces it could, with help from other jurisdictions, including the CHP. Crowd control also included using tactics such as spraying tear gas over a large group of people who were told to leave and wouldn't.

There's no official estimate of how large the crowd was, but it wouldn't be outlandish to say police were outnumbered by a greater than 10-to-1 ratio and our sportswriter at the game says there were 40 to 50 officers on the scene after the game. It was a can't-win situation for the police — do to little and let things get even more out of control or do everything possible and be criticized for over responding.

There was a report that a player from De Anza High, at the game with his coach and teammates to scout upcoming opponent St. Mary's, cut his hand jumping a fence to flee attackers.

Fights at football games aren't a new phenomena, nor isolated to games at El Cerrito High.

And as noted above, Friday night games are an event, a place where young people gather as much to socialize as to watch football. Our writer estimated there were as many or more people outside the field as there were in the bleachers.

"I'd rather keep the games in the evenings," El Cerrito High football coach Frank Milo said Monday. "I'd hate to think a group of kids, most of whom don't go to school here, can dictate when we play games."

Friday night football is a longstanding tradition that provides an outlet for young people, a place to expend energy, a stage for the players and cheer squads. Night football also means the junior varsity can play beforehand at the big event. That would be lost if varsity games are moved to afternoons, a move El Cerrito High's principal has suggested doing on a game-by-game basis. That would mean moving JV games to Thursdays.

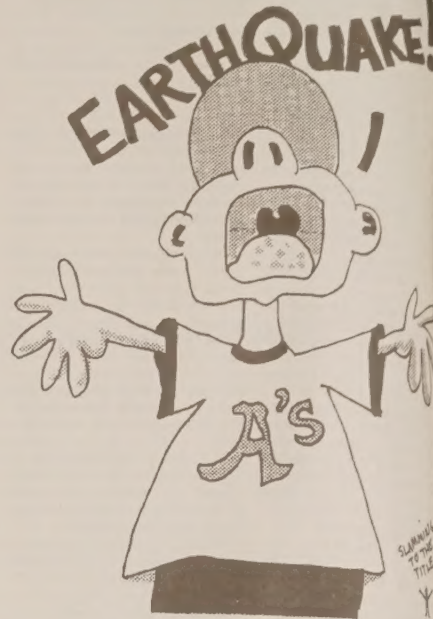
At the same time, there needs to be a balance. The surrounding neighborhood has been tolerant of night football games, but has not before seen the difficulties faced two weeks ago.

Something is called for, but a sweeping move to all afternoon games is probably too punitive.

We believe the school has reacted in a proper manner for the present and that a return to evening games will be possible in the near future.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

New Urbansim collides with reality

Another vintage Steve Price, with his stately, patronizing, misinformed ideological cant. He objected to the Honda expansion plans (forget the half million in sales tax), but promotes San Pablo Avenue as just perfect for others to live on. His "Fears of high-density housing are unfounded" (Journal, Sept. 22) sets up and "defeats" a straw man of his own creation. He does El Cerrito a huge favor by making obvious the idiocy of half-digested ideas. Just because I think it's as dumb to put massive housing on San Pablo Avenue as it is to build on a flood plane, does not mean I oppose denser living elsewhere. There are many advantages in high-rises, they can make for perfect offices, and for housing at the proper stage of life. My family spent happy years in flats in Berkeley and all over the world, maybe more than most people. But not on San Pablo Avenue, El Cerrito.

Those who don't see that throughfares are more suited for offices than housing must be suffering from ideological delusions that need attending to. The developers have a legal right to profit, but not to profiteer at the expense of residents. Steve needs to get his story straight: The project as proposed has no significant retail component, nor offices. Its property tax goes to redevelopment, and as for sales tax, the project may as well be in the Richmond Annex. This project would just siphon off money from our general tax fund.

On the other hand, a thousand professional jobs mid-town would mean many more trips ending in El Cerrito, creating a demand for good restaurants, and improving existing housing values, without contributing to the freeway back-up. Mass housing can only superimpose more trips to those that pass through our town, to produce I-80/San Pablo corridor gridlock. If you believe Congestion Management Agency projections, our local streets would be overrun. People need to be housed, but closer to where the jobs are, and where they can open the windows without a breathing mask and ear plugs, watch the squirrels and daffodils, let a child or cat out without fear of it being run down.

Steve's grandiose theories remind me of Rumania's Ceausescu: during their "systemized urbanization" drive, (a plan to raze 7,000 villages and resettle 11 million people in 5-story apartment buildings). They built the "Victory of Socialism Boulevard" to outdo the "Avenue des Champs Elysees" in Paris. Steve may dream of a gentrified San Pablo Avenue renamed "The Avenue of the Heroes of New Urbanism" is a worthy goal, but the reality of traffic, with no frontage road in El Cerrito, would turn it into a nightmare. The poor Rumanians had no recourse than to sabotage food production and then collectively starve. But we Americans can do it right. Let's find out what the people want. We need to review the environmental and economic impacts, and legal obligations, and have a referendum. Beats being shot. The El Cerrito City Council should put a moratorium on any massive housing plans for San Pablo Avenue until we correct the phony numbers of our General Plan, put

there by Steve's political and ideological cohorts.
Peter Loubal
El Cerrito

Our schools need safer classrooms

Long before I even thought of becoming a teacher, I was astounded by the dumpy buildings we send our children into each day. Now that I've actually seen the inside of many of those buildings I'm even more amazed — and not in a good way.

I work in a classroom with one working power outlet, quite a challenge when technology has become an integral part of the curriculum.

The fire inspector who visited my classroom last year seemed fascinated by my wiring solution for running four computers, an overhead projector, a TV and a VCR on that one outlet.

It took almost three years to get a broken window fixed. I still have to be selective about which windows and shades I open. Some won't open at all; others won't close again if you're fool enough to open them.

I had to sabotage my heater, because if it does come on, it tends to shoot up to about 80 degrees (really) and I'm afraid it's going to cook the class pets. Children are sensitive about that sort of thing.

At lunch, we have a choice of having the kids eat in about 15-minute shifts in a too-small multipurpose room, on outdoor tables braving the elements and dodging bees and bird droppings, or in classrooms that are difficult to supervise and to clean up in time to resume studies.

And that's one of the nicer facilities in the district. I've toured other schools that make mine look pretty spiffy.

The student population has shot up quickly in some parts of our district and quarters have become cramped.

I'm delighted to see a proposal on the Nov. 7 ballot — Measure M — that would provide funding for facilities improvements throughout our district.

I hope West County voters will find it in their hearts to support this. For about the cost of a video game cartridge, the average homeowner can cover his or her annual contribution toward safer and more modern classrooms in our local schools.

Betty Buginas
El Cerrito

Donate locally

Almost daily, through the mail, I receive five or six letters from nonprofit organizations asking for donations of money and household items. Most of them receive a D or F rating, and some I have never heard of.

Four times a year I receive a report from American Institute of Philanthropy that rates all nonprofit organizations with an A, B, C, D or F rating. Last year, nonprofit organizations received \$199 billion from donations. Unfortunately, too many of those organizations have

an F rating either because they pocket too much of the money sent in or they lie about what they do or don't do with the funds.

No one should ever give money to any nonprofit organization that asks for money through the mail or over the phone until it is investigated carefully. The National Charities Bureau and the American Institute of Philanthropy rate nonprofit organizations, but only AIP gives the A to F ratings.

Those of us who live in this area should also consider nonprofit organizations close by that have proven to be honest and worthy of our support. I have worked for the Bay Area Richmond Rescue Mission, Familias Unidas, Greater Richmond Interfaith Program and its Souper Center.

Because I volunteer at the Souper Center five days a week, I know they and other local organizations need your volunteer support as well as money donations.

And for 20 years I have known Mother Wright who has done such a wonderful job of helping poor people in Oakland.

Fred and Betty Fogg
El Cerrito

Hercules needs to study split carefully

I read, with interest, of Hercules' intent to study the possibility of splitting from the West Contra Costa school district, particularly in light of the fact the region once had its own elementary school district.

That district joined the then-Richmond school district in a unification vote intended to overcome the educational and operating deficiencies inherent in a small district.

The current problems of the West Contra Costa school district, which have created the Hercules move, are widely known. However, there are many considerations in such a move which have not yet been broached.

They include, but are not limited to: n The financial and operating ability of a small district to provide a complete education (see John Swett).

n How a new district would handle the pro-rata portion of the West Contra Costa school district debt it would most surely inherit, including the state debt and a recently passed bond issue.

n How a new district would compensate the school district for the capital plant it would take over, including the new \$50 million high and middle school.

There remains another consideration. To me, it seems the most significant one. In recent years, the city government in Hercules has been in constant turmoil. It has arguably been the least effective local government operation in West County.

A Hercules school district, which encompasses essentially the same geographical area, would include the same personalities who have contributed to constant discord in the city. The children and the region don't need the creation of another dysfunctional government entity.

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Spanning the globe to bring you the wide world of sports

Are you ready for another story about drugs and sports? It turns out we've been dragging the wrong people: the athletes, we should be dragging the fans.

Witness the placid behavior of the notoriously rowdy English soccer fans after their team lost the opening round of last month's Euro2000 soccer tournament in Eindhoven, Holland. Instead of rioting and tearing the stadium apart, as expected, they accepted the defeat with mild disappointment and gentle applause, according to the BBC. The police didn't have to make any arrests.

What was the cops' secret weapon? Marijuana. The stuff is legal in Holland and is sold openly in bars and cafes, where many fans without tickets watched the game.

"The cannabis helped relax them," says Eindhoven police spokesman Johann Beelan. "Even the hooligans enjoyed the party."

And don't you think they're taking this drug testing business just a little bit too far? The latest report to test for performance-enhancing drugs is — ta da! — bridge.

No kidding. The U.S. Bridge Team has been officially notified that its members will have to line up and urinate in a bottle before they're allowed to compete at the World Bridge Championships starting January.

I can see the headlines now: Bridge champ disqualified for urinating Ginkgo Biloba in his bloodstream."

Speaking of banned substances, did you know that Louis Armstrong and Carl Sagan smoked marijuana every day of their adult lives? Sagan even wrote an article about it in the 1971 book "Marijuana Reconsidered," under the pseudonym "Mr. X." He said pot not only made him more creative, it enhanced his enjoyment of food, especially potatoes. (Thus making him the original Mr. Potato Head.)



MARTIN SNAPP

Snapp Shots

Meanwhile, I had a fair dinkum time watching the Olympics, despite the outrageous tape delay. It was so bad, you could actually read the results in the morning paper before you saw the event that night on TV.

It confirms what I've always suspected: The people who run television don't watch it. How else can you explain their puzzling compulsion to avoid the one thing that makes television so special — its ability to let you watch something unfold in real time?

Think of the things you've seen on TV that will remain forever seared in your memory, from Princess Di's funeral to "The Catch." They were all live, right? I mean, would you really have watched O.J.'s white Ford Bronco hour after hour if it had been on tape delay?

But I enjoyed the games anyway, reveling in the sheer pagan thrill of it all. I happen to like watching beautiful bodies in motion, performing at the peak of their ability. It's erotic, sure, but the pleasure goes way beyond eroticism into pure aesthetics.

This is the cult of the athlete as hero; and we have to be careful, because it can lead down some very dangerous roads. (Think of Leni Riefenstahl's evil masterpieces of Nazi propaganda films, like "Olympia" — about the 1936 Berlin Olympics — and "Triumph Of The Will.")

And yet, when you watch Marion Jones running, you can't help grinning in sheer pleasure at her power and beauty, a perfect meld of form and function. And it was truly moving to watch Cathy Freeman raising the consciousness of an entire nation faster than you can say Jackie Robinson.

The insight that the Olympics is one big pagan festival isn't mine, it's Richard Rodriguez'.

He's a columnist at Pacific News Service — one of the best, in my opinion — and a regular on "MacNeil/Lehrer." As soon as I heard him say it, the whole picture clicked into place, and I was ready to enjoy the games despite my Judeo-Christian guilt.

The biggest winner of the games, of course, was Australia itself. Don't you think everyone in the world took one look and said, "That's where I'm spending my next vacation?"

You'd never suspect that underneath that G'day-mate-have-a-tinnie-while-I-put-another-prawn-on-the-barbie bonhomie lies a psychological horror story about a dysfunctional family called the British Empire. This drama turns on when Australia will finally realize it's been on the losing end of an abusive relationship with the Mother Country and tell the old girl to stuff it.

Australia was founded as a prison colony. But I'm not talking about violent criminals; they would have been hanged. In fact, the British criminal law was so draconian, anyone caught stealing more than seven shillings and sixpence was hanged, even children.

So the people who were deported to Australia were those who stole less than seven shillings. Today, we would consider these petty crimes at worst.

But sadly, like many abused children, some Australians have bought into the British attitude that they're tainted by their convict ancestry. (Churchill said they had a "Convict Stain" and thought nothing of sending them

to their deaths by the thousands at Gallipoli.) They try their veddy, veddy best to be veddy, veddy British.

But they represent the past. Australia's future belongs to the fun-loving, irreverent, down-to-earth Larrigans who have charmed the world for the last two weeks. To them, I say, "Good on ya, mate!"

(Of course, this ignores the terrible things they did to the Aborigines. But who are we to talk?)

In other sports news, the final meeting of the Board of Directors of the Oakland-Alameda County Commission took place last month, under the direction of Board President George Vukasin.

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Instead, I'll have to settle for listing their names: George Vukasin, Jim Vohs, Tim Preece, Barry Williams, Mary Warren, Ed DeSilva, Kimiko Kitayama, Jack Smith, Dennis Cuneo, Chip Brown (former publisher of this paper), Chief Counsel Ronald Rosequist, and former Raider star Raymond Chester.

Thanks, folks. Job well done.

Finally, let's hear a big Bronx cheer for the University of Wisconsin, which got caught doing a little creative photo editing on the cover of its application brochure.

The cover featured a photo of the Wisconsin rooting section at a football game, cheering their Badgers on to victory.

Only one problem: Every face was white, which is not exactly the image of diversity that the university is trying to cultivate.

Solution: They found a photo of a black student, who was at a pro-diversity rally elsewhere on campus, and superimposed it on the rooting section to make the crowd look less all-white.

Reminds you of the Republican convention, doesn't it?

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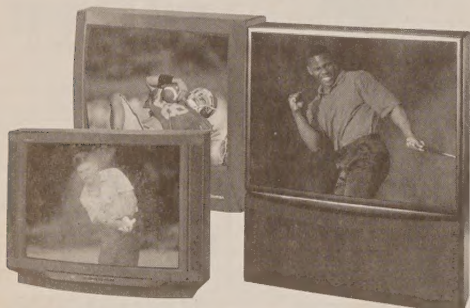
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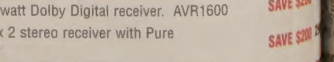
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Berkeley 1900

By Richard Schwartz

It used to be that Berkeley was a place of farms and ranches and then dairies sprouted up. As time went on, houses started outnumbering farms and smaller plots of land were used both for farming and dairies.

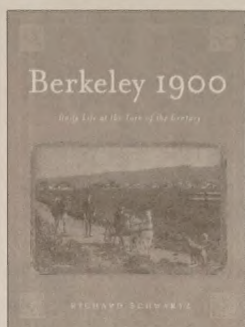
Many individuals kept a cow or two for their own needs. Cows were everywhere in Berkeley. As the town grew, this phenomenon started conflicts.

Berkeley had grown from 200 people in the 1870's to 15,000 folks by 1900. A town

ordinance was passed limiting the number of cows that could be kept on an acre of town land.

The Berkeley Gazette of the turn of the century vividly dramatizes the conflicts that arose as the growing town began to squeeze the life out of the agricultural lifestyle.

Richard Schwartz is the author of "Berkeley 1900 — Daily Life at the Turn of the Century," now available at local bookstores. His first book, "The Circle of Stones, An Investigation of the Circle of Stones in Stampede Valley, Sierra County, California," is also available at many Berkeley bookstores.



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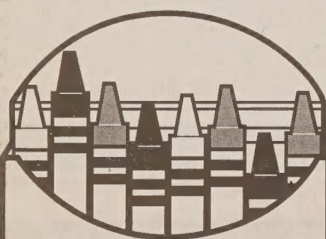
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Bygum is to arrange his dairy so that he will not be in conflict with the law.

Bygum Found Guilty

Of Keeping More Than Two Cows on One Acre.

Carl Bygum was found guilty this morning of violating the town ordinance which provides that no more than two cows shall be kept on an acre of land. W. M. Morris was the complaining witness.

Bygum's attorney admitted the facts of the case which showed that five cows had been kept on a lot 50x135 feet. The point upon which he based his defense was that while the bovines had been kept on the land in question during the night, they had been pastured on a larger area of land during the day.

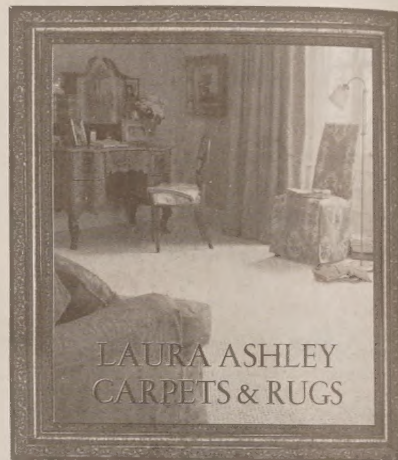
Sentence will be pronounced upon Bygum next Tuesday. The defendant conducts a dairy on Catherine street.

VALUABLE HERD OF CATTLE STILL IN THE TOWN POUND

Early yesterday morning nine cows were captured by the poundman in North Berkeley. Numerous complaints had been made against the animals by residents in the vicinity, where they were captured, as the cattle had been tramping over flowerbeds and lawns. Although the cattle are all in good shape and evidently of good stock, no one has as yet come forward to claim them. Unless they are claimed within a short time the poundman will have to dispose of them at public auction.

WANDERING CATTLE ARE REDEEMED BY H. ORTMAN

H. Ortman, who resides at the corner of Hopkins and Josephine streets, called at the pound yesterday and claimed the nine head of cattle found wandering in North Berkeley several nights ago.



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A family examines its history from Germany to here

Community Folk

By Clara-Rae Genser

activities of the family after the war, and living in the U.S. The bitterness, never expressed, but always there, was, of course, the "during the war" experiences of the family and their family and friends. Jewish people, especially those from Germany, Austria and other Nazi countries, can rarely escape that feeling, and even if it isn't discussed, it is always there. For even for those who escaped or otherwise survived the Holocaust, the horror of it does not go away.

But Elizabeth and Bruno chatted about the life of the Gerson family when she was a girl in Hamburg. The brothers, Hans and Oskar, had married sisters, so the families were unusually close. So close, in fact, that the brothers designed a house where each family had a separate home, with a community living room(?) salon(?) family room(?), I guess a little of all of them. It was a lovely home (Bruno showed me a picture of it in a book) the many windowed front running

along the lawn looking warm and welcoming. Even in the happenings that led to their leaving for America, the families remained close, and finally settled in Kensington living near each other.

There was a third brother, Ernest, also an architect. He had been a prisoner of war in Russia during World War I, but other than that Elizabeth said little about him.

Elizabeth Gerson was 16 when they left Germany. For the last couple of years, because she was a Jew, she had not been allowed to go to school. Because she was always interested in art, and because she loved learning, her parents sent her to a special school to learn window decorating.

When they came here Elizabeth attended the College of Arts and Crafts. After that, portfolio in hand, she went looking for a job in a large printing establishment where they hired many artists. She was told, "We don't hire women artists". This was in 1941. A little later, when all the men were in the service there was no problem getting a job as a commercial artist.

She had a job as a package designer, did some advertising and

some freelance work. Then she met Bruno and came out here to get married. "I fell in love with California," she says, and adds that seven years later they moved to California, with their then two children.

She took evening classes in etching and print making, and that started her on her career as an artist. Etching is her great love, and she showed me her etching studio and the work she did there. It is very exacting work, etching into a metal plate, making a picture a mirror image of the one you want to produce. After the etched plate is finished, the print making must be done, using colors one at a time, also an exacting chore. Done right and done well, the results are gorgeous. She has been very successful and her work is owned by people and corporations all over from New York to California, and even in Saudi Arabia. She loved the work, and the need to be very exacting suited her, as does the subsequent print making. She mentioned doing some ads for magazines, which she also enjoyed.

She did etchings and print making for 20 years. Getting tired of the work, finally, she turned to wa-

ter colors. "It is looser, less exacting work." She does most of her painting out of doors (although one of the small upstairs rooms in her home is her painting studio), and if you have been around the East Bay long enough you can recognize many of the lovely places she paints. She also paints in other places, while traveling or visiting.

So you would think their walls are covered with her work. You would be wrong. Her father had been a well known art collector, and she and her husband continued this interest. They love to go to auctions and shows of local painters, and their walls are indeed covered with art — a variety of art from a variety of artists.

She, of course, also appears in shows all over the area, and belongs to art associations in Oakland, Marin and elsewhere, including the California Society of Print Makers.

Bruno, who had been a securities analyst and trader, as well as a director in some companies, became a stockbroker when they moved here. He is now retired. Their children, Peter, Evelyn and Robert, are electrical engineer and

computer scientist, and chemistry teacher.

Elizabeth teaches her grandchildren and some of the neighborhood children painting, and continues to paint herself, "I can't see myself ever stopping," she says. "I wouldn't know how to retire. I want to spend my last minutes at my press." She is now even on the Internet. Her Web page is www.webtran.com/elizabeth. (Her daughter-in-law does web pages as a business).

Husband Bruno has written a memoir just for the family. It is not long, but it gives the family the background and history they want. And the history of the Gerson and Kavalier family continues.

I was delighted to hear from Elizabeth Kavalier, and enjoyed meeting with her. And I invite all of you to do the same. Let me know if something excites a certain memory or thought (one very nice woman just wrote to thank me for the history of some of her neighbors). And do give me your input: interesting people, events, organizations, etc. Please write to me at 555 Pierce St., #443, Albany, CA 94706 or call 525-4585.

Library

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The board voted to endorse the measure because it felt county supervisors weren't committed to funding Contra Costa's library system, Wolfe said.

"For some reason, the Board of Supervisors has it in for libraries," Wolfe said.

Backers of Measure L, including county supervisors, argue there isn't any money in Contra Costa's budget to

increase funding for the county's struggling library system.

With its \$14.2 million annual budget, Contra Costa's library system is ranked 36th of 37 Bay Area libraries in terms of per-capita funding. If approved by two-thirds of county voters, Measure L would bring in \$11.3 million a year for eight years.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association helped defeat a similar sales tax in 1998. That measure had a 16-year sunset, which led opponents to decry the tax as "too much for too long." It won a majority of

the votes, but fell just shy of the necessary two-thirds supermajority.

Despite Monday's vote, Measure L still faces organized opposition. The Alliance of Contra Costa Taxpayers — which splintered from the Contra Costa Taxpayers Association — is campaigning against it.

"Right now, we're being held hostage by the Board of Supervisors, who, as we all know, have failed to fund the library over the past several years," said Ken Hambrick, a member of both groups.

The Rev. Phil Lawson, chairman of Richmond Vision 2000, said the group is discussing ways to pursue further debt relief and working with the district to improve academic performance.

"I'm trusting the school district will produce results in next two to three years to justify this confidence," he said. Price said the school board has not decided how to spend the additional money.

Relief

FROM PAGE A1

"(The governor) wants proof," she said. "He's obviously a little skeptical. I think if we show him we can do it, he'll step up to the plate even more."

The legislation also provides \$300,000 to pay for a review of the

district's instruction, finances, facilities, personnel and community relations by the Fiscal Crisis and Management Assistance Team.

School board president Glen Price said he hopes the team's findings will bolster the district's case for forgiveness. But the campaign for debt relief is on hold until after the November election, when voters will decide a \$150 million bond measure for West Contra Costa schools.

Contract

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They say "look what we have." "It is also a benefit to the city because they won't have a bunch of old officers."

There is a cap for retirement pay of 85 percent of an employee's top salary — equivalent to about 28 years under the new benefit.

"We all work towards retirement and if it doesn't get any higher after I turn 50, it will be more advantageous for me to leave," Erwin said.

The new contract, which lasts un-

til June 30, 2004, also gives El Cerrito's sworn members a 3.5 percent retroactive raise back to Dec. 26, 1999 and another 3 percent raise effective April 1, 2001.

Non-sworn union members will get a 1 percent salary increase retroactive to Jan. 1, 2000 and a 2 percent increase on April 1, 2001.

Reports

FROM PAGE A2

tivity. He was found to have an outstanding BART warrant for disorderly conduct in the amount of \$450. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 22 a resident on the 900 block of Stannage Avenue reported that thieves had pried open the back door of his home and stole items from inside. There were no witnesses.

■ On the evening of Sept. 22 Albany officers responded to a business on the 1000 block of San Pablo Avenue on reports that a thief had just run from the store with a laptop computer. The subject was described as a black male, approximately 17 years old, with a bald head, wearing a green, long-sleeved shirt and black pants. He was last seen running south on San Pablo Avenue then east on Dartmouth Street. It is possible that he then escaped in a white Ford. Police are investigating.

■ At about 2 a.m. on Sept. 23 Albany officers stopped a silver '89 Cadillac near Solano Avenue and Cerrito Street for erratic driving. The driver, an 18-year-old Albany man, was found to be intoxicated and failed the Field Sobriety Test. He was arrested, cited and released with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Sept. 23 a

resident on the 800 block of Adams Street reported that during the night thieves stole her rear license plate from her tan '95 Ford Contour. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 23 a resident on the 1000 block of Key Route Boulevard reported that thieves had stolen the barbecue grill from his back yard. There were no witnesses.

■ On the afternoon of Sept. 23 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that vandals had scratched the paint on her red '00 Hyundai Tiburon. There were no witnesses.

■ On the night of Sept. 23 the custodian for a business on the 600 block of Cleveland Avenue reported that thieves had stolen equipment from the building. There were no witnesses.

■ At about 11:45 p.m. on Sept. 23 a resident on the 400 block of Cornell Avenue reported that 10 minutes prior four thieves had stolen his white '91 Toyota Camry from in front of his home. The caller had attempted to follow the thieves in another car but was unsuccessful. Police are investigating.

■ At about 6:30 a.m. on Sept.

25 officers stopped a silver '97 Mercury Sable near Castro and Madison Streets for suspicious activity. The driver, a 17-year-old Richmond boy, was found to be driving without a driver's license. He was arrested, cited and released to his guardian with a Notice to Appear.

■ On the morning of Sept. 25 a resident on the 500 block of Pierce Street reported that during the night thieves broke into her green '95 Mercury Tracer by breaking the lock on the driver's side door. There were no witnesses.

During the week of Sept. 16 Albany officers towed six vehicles, responded to 16 false alarms, attended to five lost or deceased animals, assisted six people who were locked out of their house or car and responded to four reports of barking dogs. In the domestic arena officers responded to 24 civil disturbances and 98 civil assists. Officers stopped 90 cars and/or pedestrians issuing 47 citations and 43 warnings.

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By Kay Weinstein
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Albany PTA Council

- Oct. 3, AUDS Curriculum Council Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library
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- Oct. 23, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., AMS Library

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■ Oct. 2, Band Boosters, 7 p.m., AHS Band Room

■ Oct. 2, PTA Meeting 7:15 p.m., AHS Library

■ Oct. 5, Instructional Improvement Committee Meeting, 7 p.m., AHS Room 53

■ Oct. 9, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m., AHS Office Conference Room

■ Oct. 11, Athletic Council, 6 p.m., AHS Room 37

■ Oct. 9-13, Homecoming Week

■ Oct. 18, College Night, 7:30 p.m., Little Theater

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■ Oct. 2, Principal's Coffee, 8 AM, AMS Room 112, All Parents Welcome

■ Oct. 4, Eighth Grade Potluck

■ Oct. 5, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., AMS Library

■ Oct. 11, Sixth Grade Potluck

■ Oct. 12, Site Council Meeting, 6 p.m.

■ Oct. 19, Seventh Grade Potluck

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■ Oct. 6, International Potluck.

■ Oct. 17, PTA Meeting, 6:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

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■ Oct. 26, PTA Meeting, 7 p.m., Marin Multi-Purpose Room

■ **Ocean View Elementary**

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mornings before school on playground; ask for Kim Denton. SCRIP can also be ordered from office. Safeway scrip must be purchased from eScrip (800-400-7878). Andronico's scrip may be purchased from eScrip, or paper scrip may be purchased at school. We are now selling paper scrip from Ranch 99 Market.

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■ Oct. 1, "The Wizard of Oz" Fundraiser to benefit Ocean View School, 2 p.m., College of Marin Fine Arts Theater, 835 College Ave., Kentfield, for directions call 1-415-485-9555. Tickets from \$5 to \$20 (sliding scale). Questions? Call Dorothea Dorenz at 525-8717.

AUSD Board of Education

■ Oct. 10, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

■ Oct. 24, Regular Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Cornell Multi-Purpose Room

AUSD Calendar

Oct. 16, Staff Development, NO SCHOOL

League of Women Voters

■ Oct. 17, Candidate's Debate, 7:30-9:30 p.m., Albany Community Center

■ Albany School Board (2 seats), Albany City Council (3 seats)

■ November 2, Mock Election at Albany High School, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED, Call Karen deHart

Items? Call Kay Weinstein at 525-0363 or email: kayweinstein@yahoo.com

Taxpayers group endorses Measure M

In separate moves this month, Measure M continued to gather strong support throughout West County. Measure M raises \$150 million for crucial renovation and reconstruction work in West County Schools.

The effort to rebuild our schools received a significant endorsement this week from the Contra Costa Taxpayer's Association.

The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association advocates for fiscally prudent and fair taxation of taxpayers by governmental entities. CCTA executive vice president John Wolfe discussed the financial underpinnings for Measure M with associate superintendent for fiscal services Eve Manalo and reviewed district financial reports received from Manalo. Wolfe called Measure M a "conservative, well-crafted measure" that received

the positive endorsement of CCTA's board. Wolfe said, "The Contra Costa Taxpayers Association believes it is a fair request based on conservative parameters and projections. Our board voted to endorse Measure M and we recommend a yes vote."

Richmond, San Pablo, Hercules endorse M

The Richmond City Council voted unanimously Tuesday to endorse Measure M. Richmond City Council joined the city councils of San Pablo and Hercules, which have also endorsed the measure.

Earlier this month, the Richmond Neighborhood Coordinating Council, a network of neighborhood level organizations, endorsed the measure.

West County School Watch

By Glen Price

Phone banking and precinct walking kicked

In an effort to reach as many voters as possible before election day, Measure M campaign organizers kicked off precinct walking and phone banking activities. Phone banking is occurring on a daily basis and volunteers are urgently needed. Call Measure M campaign manager Kim Dorenz at (510) 872-5739 for more information.

EL CERRITO PTA NEWS

Bayside Council of PTAs

■ Meeting at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, at Pinole Middle School, 1575 Mann Drive in Pinole. Dr. Gloria Johnston, West Contra Costa Unified School District superintendent, guest speaker.

■ A "walk through the taxes" with Carla Nino, California state PTA treasurer, at 7 p.m. Monday, Oct. 16, at the County Office of Education, 77 Santa Barbara Road in Pleasant Hill.

Castro Elementary

■ Pizza Night, 5 to 8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 4, at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Tell them it's for the school — 25 percent will be given to Castro.

■ Meeting — election information

on Measures L and M and Propositions 38 and 39 — at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, in the multipurpose room.

■ School site supervisors needed: One hour daily from noon to 1 p.m. at \$7.50 per hour. Details: 234-6200.

Harding Elementary

Pizza Night, 5-8 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 11, at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Tell them it's for the school and 25 percent will go to Harding.

Portola Middle School

■ Music room clean up — 3 to 8 p.m. Friday, Sept. 29, and 9 a.m. to noon Saturday, Sept. 30, in Room 555. Bring rags and spray cleaner.

■ Pizza Night — 5 to 8 p.m. day, Oct. 13, at Pizza Roma (across the parking lot from the El Cerrito Safeway). Tell them it's for the school and 25 percent will go to Portola.

■ Meetings: Music Parents Association at 6:30 p.m. and PTA at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 24, in the

WCCUSD Calendar

■ No school Friday, Oct. 12

■ Minimum day Tuesday, Oct. 13 for elementary and middle schools

■ WCCUSD Board of Education meeting, 7 p.m. Wednesday, Oct. 13, Kennedy High School in Richmond

Items? Call Linda Takimoto at 525-6183 or e-mail ltakimoto@yahoo.com

Framework set for EC advisory board

By J.R. Deaton
STAFF WRITER

EL CERRITO — The Committee of the Whole recommendation that the city establish a Financial Advisory Board took another step closer to reality last week.

After hearing a report by Interim City Manager Susan Westman about the possible constitution and duties of such a finance commission, the City Council voted unanimously to draft an ordinance establishing a Financial Advisory Board for council adoption.

"The finance commission would be made up of five members of the public who have an expertise in financial management, accounting, fiscal analysis, computer applications,

economic analysis or related skills," Westman said in her report before the council. "It is anticipated that the finance commission will be reviewing and making recommendations on the city's major financial programs and decisions," Westman said.

The board (the council decided that the body's official name would be Financial Advisory Board) is expected to meet monthly and each council member will appoint one member of the FAB. An appointee's term will coincide with the term of the council member making the appointment.

"The advantage of this appointment system is that the (board) always reflects the political view of the council they are serving," Westman

noted.

Westman reported that the board duties should include several responsibilities, including a review of the proposed annual budget, developing long-term financial plan for the city, an annual review of the city's management policies, a review of the audit and to "perform such other duties as may be assigned to the board by the City Council."

"The duties outlined give the FAB flexibility in their review, but make clear that the council and the Development Agency Board are interested in having the (board) spend on major financial issues," Westman said in her report.

School

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statewide that applied for the grant will be receiving the first round of funds this week. Albany was not among them.

The district will re-apply for the grant next March. "We really need more signs," said Wallman.

District members also mapped out target areas they'll be focusing on in the coming year.

Instruction-related areas include reviewing and identifying recommendations required for students to prepare them for the High

School Exit Exam; conducting a review of state standards in the district; and bringing district libraries online.

Facilities issues will also be targeted.

These include completing the new high school by June of 2001; identifying the need for improvements to the Albany Pool; and addressing the improvement of sports fields.

School children are not the only ones being displaced by the retrofitting year.

The district office also expects to be moved temporarily, probably in the summer of 2001, while its current offices are seismically up-

graded.

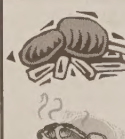
District officials are now expecting to be uprooted for a three- to four-month period, up from the eight weeks that was previously estimated. In the meantime they will continue to look for a temporary location.

"We're still in the planning stages," said Mills.

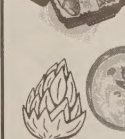
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The GRUBB Co. invites you on a 'Progressive House Tour'



THE GRUBB CO. invites you to share three of Mark Becker's timeless works of art this Sunday from 2 to 4:30 p.m. The tour begins at 6042 Manchester Drive in Oakland's Upper Rockridge District at a home originally designed by Albert Farr (above). Becker recently rebuilt this 4,500-plus square-foot masterpiece — which offers fabulous panoramic views of San Francisco and the bay — to its original splendor. The home is offered at \$2,375,000. The tour continues at 6001 Manchester (below right). This custom built home is not on the market, but seeing it will allow you to appreciate Becker's work even more. The tour concludes just down the next street at 5972 Margarido Drive, (above right). Becker's timeless new design and construction offers the perfect setting for entertaining on any scale. This four-bedroom, four-and-one-half bath home is offered at \$1,795,000. For additional information about the tour or to learn more about the homes or Mark Becker, call Ross Rembac of The GRUBB Co. at 510-339-0400, extension 307.

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How should my home look when it goes on the market?

Some sellers wonder if it's worth the effort to fix their homes up for sale, particularly in a hot market where almost every listing that comes on the market sells. Most real estate agents will tell you that the listings that sell the fastest and for the most money are the ones that are in the best condition. Even in a hot market, buyers pay a premium for homes they can move right into.

In most cases, however, it's not recommended that you do a major renovation of a home simply for the purpose of making it more salable. The reason for this is that, in most cases, you can't immediately recoup a major renovation investment. Your money should be spent on giving your home an economical cosmetic facelift.

For example, let's say you have an older kitchen. Rather than gut the kitchen and spend \$40,000 to \$50,000 on a completely new kitchen, it makes more sense economically to paint, replace the floor covering and change the countertops. This, and a general clean-up, is usually all it takes to give a tired-looking kitchen a fresh new look.

First impressions are very important in the home sale process, so you should pay attention to how your home looks from the street. If you are on a limited budget, concentrate your efforts on sprucing up the front and entry of your home first. Your home should look inviting and well-maintained so clean up the yard, plant new sod if the lawn is dead, fix leaning fence posts and paint the front door. Most homes are packed with too much furniture and too many personal possessions after years of ownership.

Real Estate Forum



By Dian Hymer

Get rid of anything you no longer want or need before you put your home on the market. Your home will appear bigger and tidier which will make it more appealing to buyers. And it doesn't make sense to pay to move things you no longer want.

Sellers who have outgrown their homes are wise to rent storage space for possessions they want to keep that don't fit comfortably in the home. Avoid the temptation to simply stuff things in closets or the garage. This will defeat your purpose. Your aim is to present your home as a desirable place to live. If every inch of storage space is stuffed with your possessions, your home will appear to be too small and without adequate storage space.

Buyers appreciate a clean, tidy interior so remove clutter from the countertops in the kitchen and bathrooms. A home office is an attractive feature, but not if the desk is covered with papers. Clean up your home office so that buyers get the impression that it's a comfortable place in which to work. Every room in your home should

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Avoiding the 10 greatest mistakes

You have found a great house and you are ready to buy. You have a 9.75 percent home loan and figure it's a good time refinance. Your kid needs to go to college and you have the equity to cover it.

In the United States today, Americans have a total equity in their homes of approximately \$4.5 trillion (I'm sorry, but I'm not quite sure just how many zeros are in that figure). However, most Americans have a paltry 4.6 percent average savings of disposable income.

The substance of these statistics rears its head as more and more homeowners decide to use their equity to play the current bull market, send their kids to college, buy a car or remodel their homes.

Most people enter this madness without a clue, not understanding the formulas for mortgage qualification or the workings of the difference between fixed and adjustable rate mortgages. How many Americans are familiar with the formulas for mortgage qualification or what the tax ramifications of a refinance are?

As in advertising (my former life), there is no such thing as a bad refinance (if it solves your problem), you can just spend too much money. There are, however 10 mistakes that you can avoid during the home buying or refinance process if you heed them off at the pass.

1) Most people do not have a relationship with a mortgage lender. An individual formulates a multitude of relationships in their lifetime. These include a doctor, attorney, accountant, financial planner and even a car dealer.

Most people do not have a relationship with a mortgage lender because the need for a home finance transaction arises less frequently than our trips to other professionals (such as a tax preparation specialist). In the past, the average Californian moved every five to seven years.

Today, with the advent of remarkable adjustable loan products, high equity second loans and low fixed rates (well, they are still historically low) there are more compelling reasons than ever to refinance,

let alone the opportunity to purchase (especially with the new 100 percent plus financing loan products).

2) Most people have no idea whether the lender they pick is qualified. Since they have not developed long term relationships, there is a tendency not to shop for the right reasons. Most people know how to ask about a lenders rate on a mortgage, but not the background of the company or the individual with whom they are dealing.

3) Most people do not know how to shop for a loan. Rates are not the only thing that's important. When shopping for a mortgage, it is important to ask about lock options, miscellaneous fees, annual percentage rates and even the variety of loan programs available.

4) Most people do not know enough about mortgages in general, especially how their choices might affect their economic gains or losses.

Most folks know that there are fixed and adjustable rate mortgages but may not know that there are options that may require less down payment and settlement/closing costs. You may feel confused when asked how your down payment may affect your overall return on your investment.

This relates to leverage — the less you put down, the greater the return in the long run if the home appreciates.

5) Most people think they know the loan product they want without knowing all the major loan products available. Most people believe they want a fixed rate mortgage or a one year adjustable because these are the products they are most comfortable and familiar.

But again, it is a matter of your situation. There are the temporary buy-downs and growing equity mortgage options that may serve you better.

6) Many borrowers forget about the long term. You may be refinancing your mortgage for better interest rates and term and even using your equity to purchase a new car, send a child to college or make other investments. But keep in mind that you will be paying for that equity with

There are 10 mistakes that you can avoid during the home buying or refinance process if you heed them off at the pass.

drawal for much longer than you may ever keep that new car.

7) Most people have no idea how the loan approval process works. Most people will sign their contract to purchase a piece of property and then broach the idea of securing a mortgage. Most do not realize that it makes more sense to have a pre-approved mortgage before they go shopping for a home.

Not only does it give you a sense assurance, it gives you leverage in the offer process, since the seller knows that you are a ready, willing and able buyer. In the San Francisco Bay Area, most Realtors will not even present your offer unless you have a pre-approved mortgage.

8) Most people do not understand that the lock options could be as important as the rate. There are options that allow you to lock your rate and points for 10, 15, 30, 45, 60, 90 days or longer. Generally, the shorter the lock, the better the pricing on the interest rate.

But the shorter locks, 10 and 15 days, usually require that the loan be approved and certain conditions required by the lender must be satisfied. It all depends on how much you enjoy gambling. In this volatile market rates can swing dramatically in just a day or so.

You might save a quarter of one percent by waiting for the short term lock or you could pay thousands of dollars if the market moves in the wrong direction. Conversely, you could be set with a rate that you feel you can live with, locked for the 45 days of your purchase con-

Mortgage Madness



By Karen Senzig

tract. If interest rates drop dramatically, the locked interest rate is locked in stone.

9) Most people do not know how to ask the lender in regards to services they offer. They assume all mortgages are the same as another. One 30-year mortgage may have similar, but not the same guidelines for their loan program is not the product varieties that should be interested in. It is the variety of service which is delivered at the time of the mortgage.

10) Finally, most people are intimidated by the whole process of buying and financing a home. It is an enormous task, one which most people would rather avoid. During our career, we have made thousands of mortgages to people, several of whom are millionaires. You would not believe how many people are at the mortgage table.

Many get defensive and imagine why the lender is requesting their tax returns, especially when the lender requests their corporate returns.

The definition of insanity is doing the same thing over and over again — and expecting different results. The process of home ownership and your mortgage is "madness" unless you think logically and avoid the most common mistakes that most of us have made.

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For example, if you have a deck, set up outdoor furniture to show buyers that you have an area suitable for outdoor entertaining.

A room in the basement might be made into an exercise or hobby room with minimal effort.

Have your home, including the windows, professionally cleaned. Be

sure to keep your home clean and tidy during the marketing period. Bright interiors are appealing so leave the lights on during showings, even though it may seem like a waste of money.

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The same thing happens to agents and buyers when they get to a house that is a mess or one where painters are still painting, cleaners still cleaning.

"Whoops, they aren't expecting me," they think or, "No one ever did anything here until today."

When your house is truly ready to be sold, buyers will know it, feel it as they come inside.

They are likely to believe, rightly or not, that your house has always been fussed over and is therefore a good house to consider buying.

So take your time getting your house ready. And don't let a buyer see it until you are done with all your preparations. Start by making a list of things you think you might do to make your property more saleable.

Look carefully at every part of your property, talk at length with your agent about preparing, showing and timing.

Go over your budget, get bids for upgrades and repairs, consider how long it may take to do things.

Think carefully before you decide what to do.

Clean and spare should be at the top of your list. You want to simplify, remove furniture, paintings, stuff. We tell sellers that when they have taken so many of their belongings out of the house that it looks uncomfortably bare to them, they're probably "there."

Make your house as clean as it may never have been before. Wash every painted surface, light fixture, shower stall, the front of the fire-

place.

Have the windows professionally washed so they won't look cloudy or streaky in a week. Have the drapes and carpets cleaned. Caulk around tubs and sinks.

If you only have money for one, fairly large cosmetic improvement, do floors. Wax wood floors, refinish them if you can.

Little compares to floors that look great. Do everything possible to show that the basic systems of your house are up and running and won't need any immediate attention from the buyer.

Have your furnace serviced by a local, reputable furnace company. The serviceman will write down what he saw, what he did, and you can give this to the buyer.

Even if your roof is relatively young and watertight, it's a good idea to have a roofer renew the roofing compound around seams and vents, to check the sheet metal and to write down what he did. Clean the gutters, also the chimney; get descriptive receipts.

Check your hot water heater. If it's rusted, consider replacing it and, at the same time, have it strapped at the top and bottom as state law now requires. Check your smoke detectors; make sure you have enough and that they're working. Make sure your sump pump operates well.

Replace broken window glass. Try every door in the house, basement and garage to see if they open and close securely without scraping or squeaks. Cabinet doors should latch easily.

The front door key will be used by agents. Does it turn easily? The garage door opener needs to work, too. Windows that open smoothly are important to many people. If possible, fix those broken ropes and the hardware. While you're at it, scrape off any paint that is on the glass.

Water, water, water your land. Make it green. Prune and shape

bushes and trees. If you feel the need to add something, think big. A dozen yellow marigolds won't have much impact; a three-foot-tall tree fern might.

Go through your files and find warranties and receipts that show what kinds of maintenance and upgrades you've done; make copies of these for your agent to pass along to buyers.

You'll soon be making written disclosures about your house so start keeping a list of things that you aren't going to fix ("The right rear burner on the stove is broken.") and things you think you have fixed ("There was a leak around the west-facing dining room window which we believe ABC Window has now repaired.")

Think about what personal property you will be including in the sale — and what a buyer would expect you to leave but you plan to take with you. Is it possible that a buyer will think that the living room bookcases are built in and therefore will stay?

What about the old chest freezer in the basement, the cord of firewood, your prized camellia bush?

Write it down: "The freezer in the basement and the firewood in the shed are included in the sale. Free-standing bookcases in the living room and potted plants are excluded."

If you are taking the bedroom lace curtains or the hallway light fixture, it's best to deal with it now. Remove, replace, eliminate it from the buyer's view. Somehow when people are told they can't have something, they "want it bad."

This is why tagging a vintage stove, for instance, with "not for sale" is a poor idea.

Are you assuming that the buyer will want surplus building materials? Extra ceramic tiles and a roll of linoleum, leftover shingles and paint? He probably will, but he might not.

True Experiences



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Some buyers really mean it when they ask that the property be left empty.

You might start thinking now about how you will move or dispose of garden sprays, motor oil, paint thinner and a bunch of concrete blocks.

If you have a gun in the house, it should be removed or be under secure lock and key. If you have pets, you and your agent will need to take them into account when the house is shown.

Controlling the whereabouts of cats, especially those that rush every opening door, is a lot to ask. Many people are frightened by dogs, even friendly ones. If it is possible to have them elsewhere when your house is shown, it can be a great help.

When you offer your house for sale, you are marketing a product. If you are living in the product at the time it is for sale, there will be some inconvenience to you.

But if you think through things well ahead of time, make the house truly ready before anyone sees it, you'll increase your chances of selling quickly and well.

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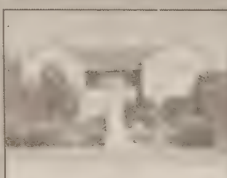
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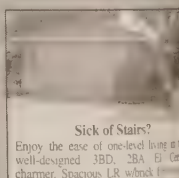
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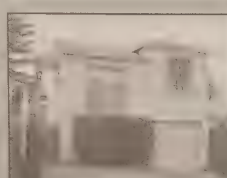
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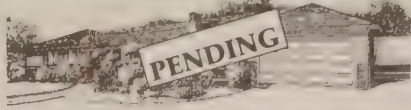


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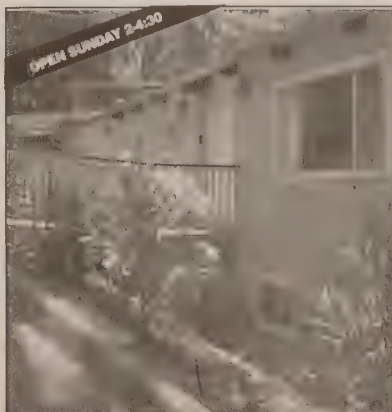
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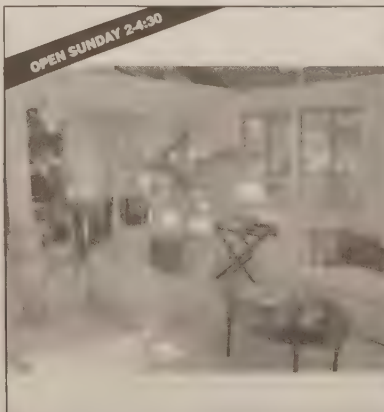
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Researching permit history can save heartache

A home that looks good, even if almost new, could still have serious problems. In addition to inspections, there is a simple thing buyers can do to avoid nasty surprises: Check the home's permit history at the city or county.

Although it is a good idea for a buyer to do so soon after his offer is accepted, this common sense action is rarely taken. The investment of an hour or two in research can yield invaluable information about the desirability of a particular property.

A new house with problems

Recently, I represented a buyer in the purchase of an expensive home in a million-dollar neighborhood. A high price, however, is no guarantee that you are buying a trouble-free house.

The home is only three years old. The original structure had been destroyed in the 1991 Oakland hills fire. Shortly after the contract was ratified, but before our general home inspection, I accompanied the buyer to the City of Oakland to review permits.

We were given a computer printout of all permits for this address. Everything had received final approval except the sewer line. When I questioned city staff about this, I was told this was common. They explained that sewer permits often do not get final approval.

I saw this as a red flag. Was the sewer line done correctly and to code or were some relevant steps skipped because the city had not come back to verify? I suggested that the buyer invest in a sewer line inspection, including running a video camera down the pipes.

To my amazement, the inspector was unable to camera the line because

there was no cleanout. In other words, if the line backed up, there would be no simple way to clear it. The sewer inspector showed me how the home next door, built about the same time, had two cleanouts in the front.

Equally troubling was the discovery that the sewer pipe under the house was only two inches in diameter. Four inches would have been preferable, but three inches is the smallest acceptable size in new construction.

This was of special concern because all sewage for three and one-half bathrooms was pumped up from underneath the house, way down on the street below. To compound matters, the pump was inadequate and leaking.

As is often the case, the seller had no idea there was any problem with the sewer system in her lovely, upscale home. Regardless, one day, when her shower or toilet backed up, the buyer would have found she had an expensive problem. This did not prevent the escrow from closing. Just the same, the buyer was glad to know about it from the beginning.

Our house was moved from where?

Several years ago, I was the selling (buyer's) agent in the sale of a charming, 1920s home. My buyers and I received an interesting surprise when reading the city records. More than 30 years earlier, this house had been moved to its present location from somewhere else in the city.

The sellers, who had lived there six years, had no idea this was the case. Their listing agent had also sold them the home, but the permits had not been perused. Fortunately, the fact it had been moved was actually good news.

What You Don't Know Can Hurt You



By Don Dunning

It meant this older house had a 1960s foundation meeting the higher standards from that era, rather than the original with its potential problems. I shared this with the home inspector, and he found it helpful. The buyers were pleased we made the extra effort.

Final thoughts

Sellers are not required to assemble a history of permits on their property for prospective buyers. They are obligated, nevertheless, to notify buyers in writing of any work done, especially if it was done without permits or not up to code. Sellers normally know only about what has happened since they have been owners, and whatever the previous owner has told them.

Think of the permit history as clues in a mystery, where questions still need to be answered. Despite the fact that city/county records are usually incomplete, they still fill in gaps in the saga of the house. A personal visit to the city could mean the difference between a happy or unhappy ending to your home buying story.

For a copy of my previous, related articles, *Condition Is Critical and Are Permits Important?*, visit my Web site at www.eastbay-re.com, or call me.

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Temescal home to first new full-service bank in 20 years

For the first time in 20 years, Oakland's Temescal District will be home to a new full-service bank. The neighborhood, in the midst of explosive growth, is badly in need of banking services to answer its economic boom, according to local merchants.

Last Monday, at the new Temescal Plaza Shopping Center in the Temescal Business District, North Oakland celebrated the opening of California Bank & Trust's new full-service branch, on Telegraph Avenue at 51st Street.

CB&T hopes the new branch will help to buoy the Temescal area, where banking services have dwindled throughout the past several years with the closure of two-thirds of its bank branches.

"We're happy to see another bank open in Temescal," said Randy Reed, president of the Temescal Merchant's Association.

"Our community is experiencing a huge renaissance, and there aren't enough banks to service the area's merchants."

American Savings & Loan shut its Temescal doors in June 1997 after Washington Mutual acquired the bank. Bank of America quickly followed suit, closing its North Oakland branch in December 1997. In fact, Sanwa Bank has remained the only consistent presence in North Oakland, serving the Temescal community with only one bank branch since 1961.

"Temescal is growing rapidly and needs banking services," said Kim Ramirez, vice president/manager of CB&T's new branch.

"We opened this branch to provide financial assistance for North Oakland's booming business community."

CB&T, recognizing the enormous growth potential and banking needs of the Oakland community, brought its Northern California headquarters and 300 jobs from the Bay Area to Oakland's Kaiser Center.

Its first full-service branch, located at 20th and Franklin streets, has served Oakland's downtown community since 1965, originally as Summit Bank of California before Summit became part of California Bank & Trust in 1998.

Now, CB&T hopes to meet the needs of the Temescal with its second full-service bank branch at 4937 Telegraph Ave.

In addition to traditional banking services and government-guaranteed loans, the Temescal branch has also custom-tailored its "Friends and Neighbors" loan program to help low- and moderate-income customers.

Additionally, the new branch office will also house a community room to accommodate board meetings of North Oakland's non-profit organizations.

The bank has also installed a 24-hour automated teller machine at the Telegraph Avenue branch

and will soon provide a night depository facility and safe deposit boxes for its clients.

Leading the bank's Temescal branch is Kim Ramirez, whose career track record includes more than 20 years of banking experience in San Francisco and the East Bay Area.

Ramirez, who serves as vice president/manager of the Temescal branch, graduated from Saint Mary's College of California in Moraga with a bachelor's degree in economics and business administration.

Anna Martin will serve as customer service manager of the new branch.

Martin brings more than 22 years' customer service experience to her new position.

CB&T has also hired bank veteran Wayne Perry, who serves as the personal banking officer at the new branch and whose career includes more than 23 years of financial experience.

Rounding out the employee staff are Michael Gradi, Temescal branch investment representative and customer service specialist, Ronald Le Gaux, Ida Frazier, Geta Williams, Enriqueta Rangel and Khany Tran.

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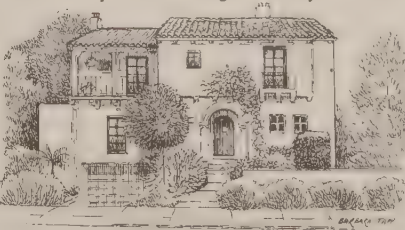
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But starting in the mid 1970s, preservationists who were alarmed at the appalling loss of important historic structures in Chicago, finally began have their voices heard down at city hall. Happily, there is now a

But happily, Chicago's record on historic preservation has been much better within the downtown business district in recent years. Inside the area called The Loop, (i.e. that section of downtown contained within the tracks of the elevated train sys-



signed by William LeBaron Jenney in 1890. It was the first 16-story commercial building in the world. The historic landmark plaque placed inside its lobby in 1978 states "The Manhattan is Chicago's oldest surviving steel frame building. Its architect was a pioneer in the development of steel frame construction, which along with the invention of the elevator, made possible the modern skyscraper." Today, the old Manhattan Insurance Building is being converted into luxury condominiums.

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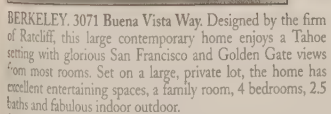
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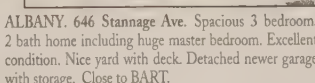
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One block north along Dearborn Street stands the equally important

Monadnock Insurance Building. It was designed in two phases. The first phase was designed in 1889 by Chicago's noted Daniel Burnham, but not completed until 1891. Its 16 stories rose to a height of 197 feet, making it the tallest commercial

building in the world when it was opened. Today, it is still the world's tallest masonry-supported office building.

Ironically, the Manhattan Building is partially a wall-bearing structure. The oldest part is supported

by six-foot thick masonry walls. The newer south wing was designed by the Chicago firm of Holabird and Roche, and was completed in 1893. This section is also 16 stories tall, and it is supported by a steel frame.

When it was completed in 1891, the older section of the Monadnock Building was very controversial, not because of its back-dated method of construction, but because of its style. It was the first office building in America to be designed without any applied ornament along its exterior surface.

This plain facade was considered so shocking at the time, that critics derided the building's "starkness" and "architectural nudity."

Little did they know that it was a forerunner of a much more stark style of office building, which would come to dominate the skyline of large American cities two generations later.

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The rest of the nation, including New York, owes a great deal to the pioneers of early modern architecture who came from the Windy City.

So when you take an airplane trip

to the East Coast, remember that the section of the United States surrounding the Great Lakes should never be called the "Fiyover States" by any informed traveler.

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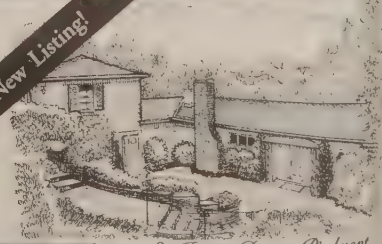


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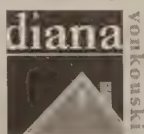
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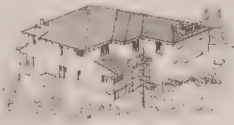
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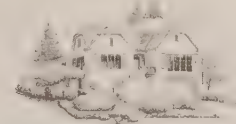
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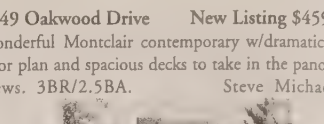
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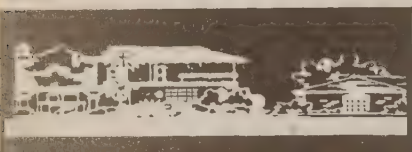
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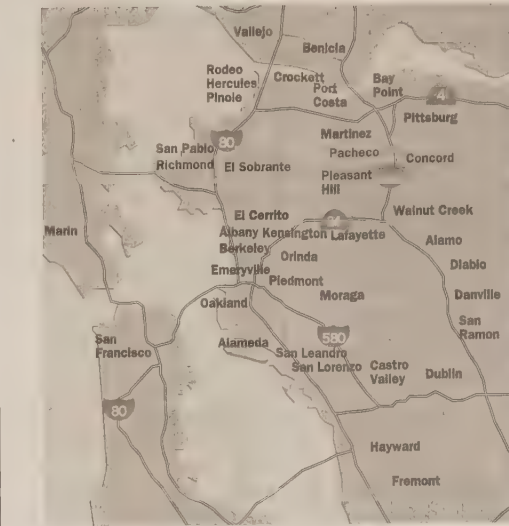


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1140 Rosewood Way Open Sun Harbor Bay Realty, Janice Payne, 510-614-4846	480/2BA	2-4	\$399,000	
2058 Garfield Open Sun Harbor Bay Realty, Judy Jacobs, 510-614-4711	280/1BA	2-4	\$399,000	
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1514 Benton Open Sun Harbor Bay Realty, Nina Oram, 510-614-4838	280/1BA	2-4	\$325,000	
2250 Pacific Open Sun Harbor Bay Realty, Bill Douglas, 510-614-4839	280/1BA	2-4	\$299,000	
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948 The Alameda RED OAK (510) 280-2104, Tom	380/1BA	2-4	\$834,000	
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159 Tamaulipas Suzanne Schmidt, Templeton Leverette, 510-652-2133 x144	180/1.5BA	2-4:30	\$380,000	
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2649 San Pablo Ave. By Owner, 889-224-2003	3bd Sun. 12-5	\$255,000		
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2719 Arlington Carole Berger (510) 549-3441, Marvin Gardens	380/2BA	1-4:30	\$339,000	
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5759 Oak Knoll Mary Gray & Bonnie Scott Marvin Gardens R.E., (510) 559-2939/2939	480	1:30-4	\$750,000	
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6146 Ocean View Upper Rockledge Justin Stone/Sheila Sabine 510-326-5055 Prudential CA Rty	4bd/4ba	2-4:30	\$1,595,000	
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1141 Clarendon Crescent Crocker Nancy McKay 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	384/2.5ba	2-4:30	\$895,000	
1137 Mandana Crocker Highlands Dian Hymer 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	4 - BD/3ba	2-4:30	\$849,000	
663 Carlton Ave. Crocker Highlands Dolores Thom 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3 BD/3 + BA	2-5	\$849,000	
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6280 Rutland Rd. Montclair Judy Rankin, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400	580/3.5BA	2-4:30	\$769,000	
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8161 Skyline Blvd. Montclair Zelma Grothe, Marie Land Co., 415-435-4428	580/4BA	BY APPT.	\$599,000	
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6595 Longwalk Dr. Montclair Gracia Bivins 510-428-0900 Prudential CA Realty	480/2BA	2-5	\$489,000	
1025 Underhills Crocker Highlands Victor Fiers 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	2 - BD/1 BA	2-4:30	\$489,000	
6449 Chabot Rockledge Leslie Acant, Templeton Leverette, 510-652-2133 x122	380/1.1BA	2-4:30	\$489,000	
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2328 19th Ave. Oakley Fleming 925-428-0900 Prudential CA Rty	4bd+ba	2-4:30	\$429,000	
2129 Magellan Dr. Montclair David Otero 510-339-9290 Prudential CA Rty	384/2ba	2-4:30	\$429,000	
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4211 Atlas Ave. Redwood Heights Mell Davis 510-531-7000 x263 Wells & Bennett Realtors	2 BD/1 BA	2-4:30	\$379,000	
3850 Fruitvale Ave. Pearl Wang, Montclair Better Homes, 510-465-6211	380/2.1BA	2-4:30	\$369,000	
3728 Rhoda Lincoln Heights Rachel Baker 510-339-4700 Coldwell Banker	3 BA/2 BA	2-4:30	\$348,000	
2581 El Caminito Montclair Rettina Baker/Net, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400	280/2BA	\$339,000	2-4:30	
473 38th St. Tuesdale David Otero 510-339-9290 Prudential CA Rty	Duplex	2-4:30	\$339,000	
4115 Randolph Glenview Kate Phillips 510-436-4100 Wells & Bennett Realtors	2 - BD/1 BA	2-4:30	\$329,000	
4677 Fair Ave. Redwood Heights Lyle Harris 510-534-2010/287-2521 Prudential CA Realty	2 BD/1 - BA	2-5	\$329,000	

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3130 Arizona Ave. Oakland Ed Kao, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400	380/2BA	\$299,000	2-4:30	
811 York St. #15 Grand Lake Gene Boomer 510-339-9290 Prudential CA Rty	284/2ba	2-4:30	\$299,000	
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5440 Brookdale Ave. Maxwell Park John Bell 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	3 - BD/2 BA	2-6	\$250,000	
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2921 55th Ave. Maxwell Park Tara Banks 510-834-2010 Prudential CA Realty	2 BD/1 BA	2-4:30	\$234,900	

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123 Waldo Nancy Roman, Templeton Leverette, 510-652-2133 x124	580/2.5BA	2-4:30	\$1,295,000	
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315 San Carlos Ave. Asian Pettit Tunney, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400	380-BA	\$699,000	2-4:30	
1116 Ranleigh Way Angela Wei Grubbs, The GRUBB Co., 510-339-0400	380/2BA	\$695,000	2-4:30	

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AERO DYNAMIC

All types of concrete & masonry work. Lic. #70433
925-518-6118

Quality Work

AFORDABLE Concrete Serv. All types & masonry. Free est. Refs. Unit. 925-868-5901
ALL TYPES Concrete Work
Bricks & ret. walls. Free est. 925-484-7221
925-484-7221

CRACKED BROKEN CONCRETE

We can repair & re-surface existing with pour concrete. Lic. #699262
925-484-7221

FOUNDATIONS

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Brick, driveway, patio, brick, wall, etc. Lic. #703021
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SPECIALIZING

in all types of concrete, brick & block retaining walls, also asphalt & brick. Lic. #648-9101
Call 925-226-6101

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We build quality & satisfaction. Brick, stone, stucco, concrete. Exp. design. Refs. Lic. #78017 & bonded
925-296-6101

558 Decks & Fences

DECKS, Fences, Retaining walls, railings, New & Repair. Lic. #68760
Call (510) 336-0811

DECKS - RET. WALLS DRAINAGE

5114309 925-945-5155
FENCES Decks Shade covers, Wood & trex decks, Redwood & cedar fences, Call for Free Est. Lic. #68833 925-932-5605

FRESH DECKS waterproofing

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558B Drywall

ABC DRYWALL
Comm'l. Taping & texturing. Free est. 925-709-2947
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559 Electrical
J.M. LANDSCAPING
Complete Yd. Clean-up, Trimming, Lawn, Sprinklers, Haul. 510-232-9001

KEEP IT GREEN BUT TRIM CO.

Mon. yd. maintenance, trim, pruning, Free Est. Brush pickup. Lic. #643-2655
MALAKAI Gardening
Weekly & monthly yard service, weed cleanup, shrub cleanup, weekly 510-465-6856 anytime

Mario's Landscaping, Svc.

Soft/Sprinkler, Clean-up, Haul Maint. Unit. 925-798-2664
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Electrical Installation, Repairs, 24 Hr. Emergency. Lic. #643-2655
925-756-7353

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Will beat or match any bid. 15 Years Experience. Lic. #643-2655
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Svc. upgrades, lighting, troubleshooting. Low rates. Free est. 925-737-2323
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Providing quality services since 1977. Including design, installation, construction, stonework, hardscaping, lighting and maintenance. Commercial & residential. Lic. #665022, 510-291-3585

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25 years of professional landscape and maintenance. We provide extensive local knowledge and references. It is a part of a garden we can design, install or repair it. Lic. #70867
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ALL SEASONS

Yardwork, New lawns, Ret. Walls & Weeds. Ret. Fences. Lic. #643-2655
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Maint. Unit. 925-754-3212

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ACT NOW
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Low price on Trex/stucco clean-up

ALAN'S ROTIMATING

Deck cutting, Gardens, Ret. Walls, etc. Lic. #643-2655
925-787-7808

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AL RAMOS

Yard maint, trimming, pruning, etc. Lic. #643-2655
Free Est. 510-928-0779

AMAZON LANDSCAPING

Clean up, Sod/Sprinkler, Trees, drainage. Free Est. 925-767-2810
Lic. #769111

CALIFORNIA LANDSCAPE

CONSTRUCTION drainage, custom stamped concrete, sprinklers & trees. Lic. #643-2655
925-767-2810

CLEAN-UP AND TREE CARE

moving and hauling. Lic. #643-2655
925-767-2810

CLEAN-UP AND TREE CARE

clean-up, haul new lawns, sprinklers. Lic. #643-2655
925-767-2810

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ECOSYSTEMS
Complete landscaping, drainage, clean-up, etc. Lic. #643-2655
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ENRIQUE Garden

Maint. cleanup, hauling & free est. Unit. 510-635-2985

QUALITY WORK

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925-756-7353

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GARDEN SRVC. Clean-up, sod, sprinklers, qual. work. Ramon 925-969-149 Unit. HOLLAND'S FINEST Maint. lawns installed, clean-up, planting, design, etc. Lic. #643-2655
925-932-5605

IRRIGATION REPAIR

Expert, quick repair. Con. & auto. 20 yrs exp. Charles Lufner (510) 658-1001

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Yard & lot clean-up, hauling, tree & stump pruning & removal, fences, brick work. Free estimates. Free-sunday price. Area. Lic. #643-2655
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Hillside, slope, gutter cleanup, brush clear, tree svc, trim, mow, weed, lawn, sprin, ret. wall, post, holes, maint. Free. 510-255-9593. Free est. 510-34-173, pr. 330-1810

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Professional Landsc. Design & Installation
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Consultation & Design. Comp. yd. care, tree svc, clean-up, hauling, irrigation, new lawns, etc. Free est. 510-739-4540
Jan 510-739-4540

562 Handyman

"Money...Do" Repair, Inc.
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531-9500

"Always...the Best" HOME REPAIRS

20 Years of Excellence
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24 HOURS COLLEGE STUDENT HAULING. Free est. 510-521-8533
415-215-1057

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563 Hauling

DAVID'S HAULING
David Singer
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925-653-0445

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PIANO LESSONS
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Expert Preparation
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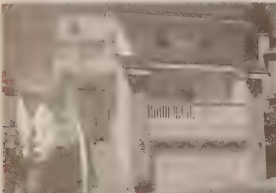
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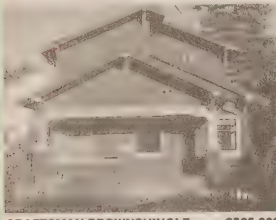
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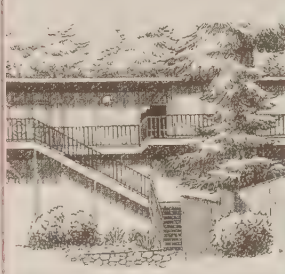


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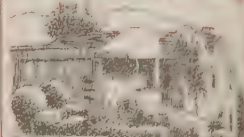


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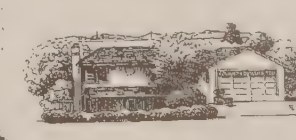
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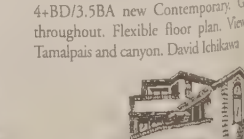
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Arts 'Titans' lay it on a little thick [C3]



RON SALSIG

Range Rat

Real golf ... is there a Tiger in my tank?

I have a piece of paper on my desk that is driving me past distraction. For two months now, I have not been able to decide whether to send it right or left. Right is the garbage can, left is the mail.

It is an entry blank to a golf tournament. Not just any golf tournament, but an event on the Senior PGA Tour. Specifically, this is an entry blank to the Monday qualifying for the Transamerica Seniors Championship at Silverado CC in Napa.

My little secret is that I am, indeed, a professional golfer. I just never bothered to get my amateur status back after a decade of failure playing real golf.

Real golf is played on Mondays, not down the stretch on Sundays. Every golfer in that Sunday hunt receives a very decent paycheck. On Monday a golfer plays for his life.

The PGA Tour was a different world when I turned pro in 1972. Every Monday there were 25 to 50 spots available in open qualifying for that week's event. Qualify and make the cut, and Bingo! You're automatically in next week's tournament.

Quality and then keep making cuts, that was the game. That was how a rookie made it on the tour. In many ways, it was better than today's exempt tour, with one yearly qualifying. The cream did have a chance to come to the top back then.

This entry blank on my desk brings back a past I feel best forgotten. Except I revived that past last year, brought the demons back to life. Do I really want to go through that again?

Lord, do I know Mondays. I remember driving 700 miles, and then sleeping through the alarm to miss my starting time. There was the time I was five under par standing on the 18th tee, and I promptly hit three straight balls out of bounds. And then I threw that driver over the same fence.

I was not alone. There was a golfer from Hayward who blew up on the final hole on a Monday qualifying in a similar manner, and he threw his whole bag into the lake fronting that hole. Later that night he was in that lake, fishing around for his bag. He found it, and waded out with the keys to his car. He left the bag and clubs in the lake.

"Monday, Monday. Can't trust that day," I hummed in the car. It was do or die, and I died for a decade. After a car wreck in 1979, I let go of that pain. No more tournament golf.

But the Senior PGA Tour still has a Monday qualifying. And I turned the magic age last year. I entered at Silverado, for sentimental reasons. Silverado was the course where I first qualified on a Monday, the Kaiser Open in 1972.

It was also the first tour event for Tom Watson, who played for Stanford when I played at Cal. Watson shot 66-65 the first two rounds in the Kaiser, and it turned his life around. I shot 74-76 and turned to the parking lot.

A year ago on Monday I woke at 4:30 a.m., wondering exactly what I was doing, staring at the bare light bulb in my Napa motel. It was the only motel I could find, a fitting place for a Monday qualifier.

I triple-bogeyed the second hole later that morning, waking those long dead demons. I'm a writer, not a player like Tiger Woods. The difference between me (failed tour pro) and Woods (any questions?) is that for Tiger, golf is life. No death. Pure life. To be lived. Woods has no fear of winning, no fear of losing. And he loves to win. That is a very rare trait in a golfer.

To my utter amazement, later that day I stood on the 12th hole only one over par. Problem was I was also standing in the rough, under a tree. I had to make a decision. I could play safe, come in with a decent score and look good. Or, I could go for broke the last few holes and give myself a chance. Only three golfers in that Mon-



COUGAR QUARTERBACK YAO YIADOM handed off to running back Karl Moore during their Sept. 22 game in Alameda. Albany saw a 14-0 lead disappear in falling 21-14.

Cougars can't out-run Hornets

Moore, Yiadom score early, but deeper Hornets pull out win

By Dean Rosener

CORRESPONDENT

ALAMEDA — Speed won the first half, but depth won the game.

Albany's sprinting quarterback and tailback scored look-alike touchdowns to give the Cougars a 14-0 halftime lead at Thompson Field Friday night. But the deeper Hornets stormed back for a 21-14 triumph.

Perhaps 36-23 would be a more revealing score. That's the difference in roster size, in Alameda's favor.

"We only use about 15 folks," Albany coach Anthony Freeman said. "For the third week in a row, we ran out of gas at the end."

Alameda's comeback was as stirring for the Hornets (3-0) as it was discouraging for the Cougars (0-3). Alameda used all manner of attack — a methodi-

cal drive, a 50-yard pass, an intercepted lateral — for the second-half heroics.

"At halftime, I just reminded everyone of their responsibilities," Hornet coach Kevin Hennessey said. "We didn't panic."

But Alameda must have been a little concerned after Albany took the opening kickoff and drove 67 yards in 11 plays for a touchdown. Capping it was the tailback half of their sprinting combo, Karl Moore, who blazed 19 yards off tackle for a 6-0 lead.

"Once I get past the line of scrimmage," said Moore, "I feel I have the speed to go all the way."

Moore's quick partner, option quarterback Yao Yiadom, ran in for the conversion to make it 8-0 with 5:50 left in the first quarter.

The march was old-fashioned, yet contemporary. Nostalgic, because 10 of the 11 plays were runs. Contemporary, because the passer-runner Yiadom is in the mold of fashionable signal callers such as Virginia Tech's Michael Vick and the Minnesota Vikings' Daunte Culpepper.

Prep football

Alameda	21
Albany	14

Pumped up Panthers pound Dons

RB George, ferocious defense stop DeAnza cold

By Pete Elman

CORRESPONDENT

RICHMOND — After last week's tough 27-19 loss to rival El Cerrito, St. Mary's head coach Dan Shaughnessy said that his team would be practicing fundamentals this week — especially tackling.

Friday night his players "brought the hat," so to speak, shutting out an overmatched DeAnza squad 43-0 at DeAnza.

Using a well-balanced offensive attack led by halfback Trestin George and a ferocious defense anchored by tackle Lorenzo Alexander, the opportunistic Panthers methodically dismantled an inexperienced Dons team, recovering four fumbles and grabbing three interceptions.

St. Mary's wasted no time establishing that this was its night. On the Panthers' second possession, George, who ran for a game-high 82 yards on 15 carries, caught a short pass in the left flat and, escorted by a fleet of blockers, sailed down the sideline for a 50-yard touchdown at 4:37 of the first quarter to give the Panthers a 7-0 lead. As it turned out, that was all they needed.

"We call that a 'waggle screen,'" George said. "It's a fun play to run, and tonight we got it just right."

Shaughnessy took particular pride in the play. "Did you like that?" he asked a reporter. "You just block that outside cornerback and it works like a dream."

The Panthers' special teams then made the first of several big plays. On the ensuing kickoff Halihl Guy recovered a fumble by DeAnza's Jonathan Gary and St. Mary's was in business. Quarterback St. Mary's was in business. Quarterback

Prep football

St. Mary's	43
DeAnza	0

Gauchos make things interesting in loss to Jets

Chilton records six kills, six blocks

By Bill Kruissink

SPORTS EDITOR

ALAMEDA — Encinal jumped out to a quick two-game lead against the El Cerrito Gauchos on Tuesday afternoon. It was a big enough lead — seemingly secure — that the Jets began to have a little fun on the court, mixing things up and rotating players in.

Which opened a door of opportunity for the Gauchos.

Getting two and three points per serve and lively net play from Lydia Chilton, Puakalani Kivalu-Burgess and Amanda Wallace, the Gauchos (0-5, 0-1 in the ACCAL) came all the way back from 13-3 deficit in the third game to tie the game at 13-13.

Mind you, the Jets (3-2, 1-0) settled down long enough to finish the match out, winning 15-10, 15-5, 15-13. But for a team looking for its first win, the rally brought a certain air of promise to the Gauchos.

"We have some spectacular moments," said Chilton, who had six kills and six blocks. "There is a little bit of inexperience in there, which causes the high spikes and the low drops."

In fact, the Gauchos led the first game early on, but fell prey to the relentless spikes of Encinal's Jackie Randolph and the serving of Sindavahn Nanarath. Nanarath began a five-point service run with a kill by Randolph and ended with ace, served deep and low, for a 13-7 advantage.

And El Cerrito played Encinal even in the first few minutes of the second game, too. The Gauchos took a 1-0 lead on Hani Katz's serve, then tied the game at 2-2 when Chilton acted a serve.

But El Cerrito could not maintain its rhythm in the second game. Randolph pushed the ball to the floor for a 3-2 lead and eventually served the game out with an ace and a tip at the net by Christine Dantay.

Effectively mixing dinks and spikes, Encinal still had the momentum in the third game. Playing fast and loose (Randolph likes swinging away from mid-court), the Jets charged into a 7-2 lead on five consecutive service points by Dantay (she had an ace, but Randolph and Sonya Saracos both tipped shots across the net). A few minutes later, Encinal was up 13-3 on an ace by Syntyche Millena.

"Personally, I started to get a little impatient with the ball," the 6-foot Chilton said. "I was rushing the hits."

"You know," she said, "sometimes you get racing: you're doing well. Then the other side gets a few points and you start seizing up. And it doesn't work that way. You have to keep your pace."

She could've been talking about the Jets. On fire one moment, cold as ice the next. And as so often happens on the volleyball court, the other guys — the Gauchos in this case — suddenly had the momentum.

It began with Kirsten Eames sending an ace to the floor and Chilton, who has been playing club ball for two years, winning a battle at the net with Randolph for a 5-13 deficit. Wallace picked up a couple service points and Katz followed with two more.

With Encinal struggling, Chilton ran off three points from the service line, mostly with the help of the Jets, who were hav-



Reaching high, El Cerrito's Lydia Chilton looked to set the ball during the Gauchos match against Encinal on Sept. 26. Playing at Alameda Point, the Jets won 3-0.

Trying to do your best —hoping for the best

Sometimes you do the best you can and it's just not enough. Know what I'm saying?

Last Friday night Sports Focus traveled to Pinole Valley to check out the new kids on the block, the P.V. Spartans. I especially wanted to see wide out Marcus Maxwell, who has the entire Section talking. I sent our camera crew to the game and was looking forward to seeing the results. The game was spectacular, with Pinole Valley hanging on for a 23-21 win over a very good Logan team.

Problem was, our camera crew had some problems. While they were working on the camera, Maxwell caught a 50-yard touchdown pass. We had all sorts of Logan highlights, but just one touchdown run from Pinole Valley. Ouch! We'll try and make it up to the Spartans this week. You could make a good argument for Jim Erickson as Coach of the Week.

We went to the second half of the Skyline/St. Francis game thinking it would be another close, exciting finish. Wrong again! Skyline blew out the Lancers, giving St. Francis its fourth straight loss. The Lancers play De La Salle this Friday night.

It was 20-7 at the half, but Skyline helped us out with two fourth-quarter scores to make our highlights respectable. Jamaal Al-Ghani is solid as a rock at quarterback for Skyline; he threw two touchdown passes in the game. Chris James ran for 169 yards on 19 carries, including a 32-yard TD run in the first quarter. Skyline fans made a point to thank our camera crew for the feature we did on Sports Focus the previous week on Skyline Head Coach John Beam. "Hey, Thanks for the props you gave Coach Beam last week," they said. "It's about time." Sometimes it's just not enough. By the way, you could make a good argument for Coach Beam as Coach of the Week.

Castro Valley's win over Bishop O'Dowd shows one game does not make a season. When Castro Valley lost to Amador Valley 28-8 in the season opener, the common perception was the Trojans were down this season. Don't tell that to O'Dowd Coach Paul Perenon, who felt their game with Castro Valley Saturday would be close. He was right. In fact The Trojans came out fired up and took a 14-0 lead on their way to a 20-10 win. Mike Hernandez had a monster game with 112 yards on 19 carries and two touchdowns for the Trojans. Cas-

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day field of 160 would qualify. I needed birdies. A 68 might make it.

I decided to go for it. Three birdies and three triple-bogies later, another lonely walk to the scorer's tent, and I looked bad.

This week the Bay County is in Monterey. Those are my guys down there, real golfers. They know the electric jolt that travels up the shaft of a putter after dimpled balls circulate around holes in the ground.

The Bayonet course is actually a practice round for these guys. In two weeks Stage I of Q-School is played on that same course. That's the big one. A week of Mondays, in three stages.

On Wednesday I played the new Jack Nicklaus Coyote Creek Golf Course in San Jose after a press conference for the new Siebel Classic on the Senior PGA Tour, to be played March 15-18 next year.



ROBERT BRONSTEIN

Focus on Sports

tro Valley had not beaten O'Dowd since the Dragons joined the Hayward Area League in 1996. You could make a good argument for Andy Brennan as Coach of the Week.

You think you have a busy day. Try being Peter Holland for just 24 hours. Peter runs cross country at Alhambra High School. Every day when class is done Peter trains with the cross-country team, and once a week runs in a meet. Then Peter goes to football practice. That's right, he's on the football team too. I followed Peter around last week for a story we're running on Sports Focus this Saturday. I could not believe what I was seeing. Peter ran very well in a four team cross-country race. Then, his dad drove Peter back to Alhambra for football practice. Last year Peter actually ran in the NCS cross country meet, then played in an NCS football playoff game. Peter's football team won again Friday night Alhambra beating Dublin for their third straight victory. You could make a good argument for Dave Silveira as coach of the week.

What else can you say about De La Salle? Yes, they did win again, and yes they did beat one of the best teams in the nation. I always tell people the keys to De La Salle are coaching and dedication. They have the very best coaches, and they have athletes who are committed to being the best. That means working all year round. But they also have superior athletes. So many that there are some who get very little attention. Defensive back Jon Tucker is a player who would be the superstar at any other school. Tucker's 58-yard punt return and interception were two key plays in the Spartans win. De La Salle should have little trouble with the rest of their schedule en route to another undefeated season, the 14th since Head Coach Bob Ladouceur joined the team in 1979. You could make a good case for Coach Ladouceur as Coach of the Week.

Friday night on Sports Focus we'll name a Coach of the Week, at least four deserving coaches will be left out. Sometimes you do the best you can, and it's just not enough.

Unfortunately, I birdied the last four holes. When I got home, I sent that piece of paper on my desk left, to the mail.

Maybe I'll get lucky and the check will bounce.

The Transamerica is next week in Napa. Tickets to spectate are \$13, entry fee \$300. The next week those seniors travel up the road to Serrano CC near Sacramento for the Gold Rush, while the LPGA Tour has its World Championship at Hiddenbrook CC in Vallejo. A lot of work these three weeks for a golf writer.

Call 707-552-5883 for information about the LPGA World Championship at Vallejo, 916-939-3456 for information about the Gold Rush near Sacramento, 707-252-8887 for the Transamerica at Silverado. No need to call Monterey this weekend, just show up at Fort Ord's Bayonet course.

Ron Salsig has entered qualifying for the Transamerica, but he might yet come to his senses. He can be reached at rsalsig@pacbell.net

St. Mary's tennis courting the future

By Scott Strain
STAFF WRITER

OAKLAND — Three years in and St. Mary's is slowly building a tennis program.

In a way, the effort is rather neat — the team has a second-year coach and no practice facilities to speak of. The seniors who have been involved in the program since the beginning all play doubles. The team plays in the Bay Shore Athletic League that has one elite team (Piedmont) and a bunch of others who are rebuilding. Count St. Mary's among them.

The Panthers tried for their second league victory against Holy Names Tuesday afternoon at Davie Tennis Stadium. They didn't get it, and fell to 1-4 in BSAL play. Their only victory was against John Swett and they play Albany today.

To say their match against the Monarchs (4-1) was a slugging match would be an understatement. A slugging match was more like it. The teams whacked at each other for over three hours and with darkness and rec players crowding the court, Holy Names emerged with a 5-2 victory.

"We have a lot of sophomores on our team and they haven't played much, so the lack of a tennis facility

on the premises does hurt us," coach Jaami Breland said. "We're building a team. We practice on three courts that are just down the street from St. Mary's, but they are horrible."

"We're just working on building a team and making it better," he said. "We're doing a lot of switching around today. We're still trying to get some kids to come out for the team."

The switching worked at No. 1 singles. Katie Isola, one of the three Panther sophomores who played Tuesday, emerged with a 6-2, 2-6, 6-4 victory over Danielle Williams that took an extraordinary two hours, 45 minutes to complete. It was a case of neither player getting hot, a lot of back-and-forth rallies and a lot of unforced errors. Throw in a personality clash or two and the recipe was ripe for a long match.

The marathon on court one had the unfortunate effect of throwing the rest of the singles schedule off. Maren Sagat lost at No. 2 to the Monarch's Andi Ham 6-2, 7-6, but the other two singles matches were forced to be contested with pro sets.

Prep girls tennis

H Names 5
St. Mary's 2

That meant the first player to reach eight points won.

Monarch players won twice — No. 3 Thu-Loan Dinh defeated Doris Ng 8-1 and No. 4 Nicole Kwon defeated Lauren Holbert 8-0. Ng and Holbert are both sophomores, Sagat is a junior.

The only other victory for St. Mary's came at No. 2 doubles, where seniors Erin Kabei and Necosha Cox defeated Ashley Arnold and Eboni Garrett-Blueford 1-6, 6-4, 6-2 in another long match. This match had to be interrupted because it ran past the time limit and recreational players had use of the court. The match

was finished on another court. In other matches, Megan and Sarah Clatts lost to Catherine Chaux and Sheila Bannister 6-4 at No. 1 doubles, and Charles and Katherine Hase defeated by Nichol Baxter and Alicia Dedios, 6-1, 5-7, 6-2.

It was a long match for both teams and if St. Mary's learns anything, it was patience. "There's very enthusiastic and pull for it," Breland said. "They don't give up."

But wearing out is another matter all together

Cougars

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Leadership time. At a crucial juncture, a fourth-and-three at the 4, it was time for a captain-to-captain hookup. Diving, rolling, sprawling in that popular left corner of the end zone, Rob Dumholt held on to close the Cougar margin to 14-6. Patterson's conversion made it 14-7 with 6:02 remaining in the third.

The Hornets were now fired up, with both momentum and depth on their side. Albany's three-and-out and short punt gave Alameda good field position at it own 45.

One play later, Pagones exacted revenge for the interception. He let loose a spiral far down the left side and Lew settled in under the ball comfortably at the 15 and romped in untouched.

Patterson converted to tie the game at 14-14 with 3:30 to go in the third.

Just as Domholt's veteran savvy produced the tying touchdown, it yielded the winning one, too. Just a minute into the fourth quarter, he picked off a pitchout by Yiadom at Albany's four-yard line. Two plays later, Ryan Smith bulled his way into

the end zone for the final winning touchdown. With 10:30 in the game, Patterson's extra ended the scoring.

But Albany made one gasp effort. Benefiting from interference and personal fouls, the Cougars marched 35 to the Hornets' 19 yards on to go. On fourth down, Lew, adept defensive end, tackled Yiadom, assailing the raised his arms in triumph.

"Albany came to play," lineman Dan Carrasco said. "We've got the speed to play depth problems, but we've been playing 48 minutes. We've unleashed the power we've got."

Post game
NO PASSING FANCI? Culpepper style, Yiadom rushing with 77 yards and two touchdowns. Carrasco hit six of 62 yards.

More traditionally, Pagones did not run at all, but completed 12 passes for 145 yards and two touchdowns.

SCHEDULE ... Albany has more stop before embarking on Bay Shore Athletic League season — in Albany today against Belmont at 3:30 p.m.

Gauchos

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ing trouble communicating.

Whatever the reasons, El Cerrito was now trailing by a point, 12-13.

A sideout later, Kivalu-Burgess blocked a shot at the net after serving, tying the game 13-13.

But a win was not to be. After a timeout, Rowena Quinto gave the Jets the lead again, Millena tipping the ball across off a set by Randolph. Quinto then served the game — and

match — out.

Post game
SCHEDULES ... For the next two clubs will meet again, Cerrito, on Oct. 19.

And, for one, Encinal coach Bautista thinks things will be better.

"They'll be ready for us. I know what we do," Bautista said. "I'm not taking them for granted."

STATS ... Katz had seven kills on her service and Walshe had six kills. Chilton, a junior, had six kills on her service.

SPORTS BRIEFS

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Piedmont High School is looking for coaches for its fall sports season. Highlanders have coaching vacancies in junior varsity girls tennis, varsity girls volleyball and varsity water polo. Applicants should call director Karyn Shipp at 594-0741.

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Arts

'Titans' lays it on a little thick

The film candy-coats a difficult topic, but Denzel Washington remains strong

By Mary F. Pols
STAFF WRITER

Someone should really let that Presidential Commission on Race Relations know that the secret to dispelling racial tensions is football.

At least that's what the well-intentioned but overwrought new Denzel Washington movie "Remember the Titans" would have us believe. Based on what happened when a real high school in Alexandria, Virginia, was integrated in 1971 and white and black football players were forced to be on a team together, this highly calculated Jerry Bruckheimer production gives us football as panacea for bigotry. And you thought it was just a game.

Washington plays Herman Boone, a new assistant coach from North Carolina who, for political reasons, is thrust into being head coach of the team, the Titans, bumping Coach Bill Yoast (Will Patton, who should be cast in the George W. Bush bio-pic immediately) down in the ranks. Boone isn't happy about being a political pawn, but his instinct is to go ahead and dive into the job of uniting black and white teammates.

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DENZEL WASHINGTON gets into his work as a coach in "Remember the Titans."

Fast-paced Shaw from Aurora

Berkeley company plays small stage to full advantage with 'The Philanderer'

By Pat Craig
STAFF WRITER

It's early Shaw, there's no doubt about it — a few raw edges, underdeveloped plot points here and there, and not quite fully realized characters — but despite that, "The Philanderer" is still George Bernard Shaw, tremendously appealing, fun to watch and crammed with enough thoughts on the passing social scene to stick to the roof of your mind for weeks.

Written in 1893, it's one of Shaw's earliest plays, and said to be based on an actual embarrassing incident in his life, which is interesting if it's true. But after a century, it's not really important if the iconoclastic Leonard Charteris (Simon Vance) is the iconoclastic GBS.

True or not, what we get in "The Philanderer" is Shaw's take on Victorian-era manners and morals, this time focusing on the basic battle of the sexes, which really hasn't changed that much. But when all the characters have Shaw's help at forming their thoughts, the whole two-plus hours drift by on a cloud of sharpened stainless steel as Charteris plays it cool in his attempts to realize the concept of not buying the cow if he can get the milk for free.

So, that explains the title clearly enough.

Charteris loves women, but doesn't see any particular need to marry them, until he encounters women in the thrall of new ideas about the role and responsibility of their sex, as outlined by the likes of Ibsen, and the various other new ideas being espoused at the end of the 19th century.

It hasn't exactly reached the point of "a woman needs a man like a fish needs a bicycle," but you can see the fin marks on the wall, and poor Leonard quickly realizes he will be seeing a lot of changes in what society considers manly and womanly, no matter how much everyone wants to pretend there are no particular differences.

That, at least, is the framework for the piece, which is really a delightfully satirical look at everything from moral meddling, vivisection, vegetarianism, and the pomposity of all of us seem to hold in one way or another.

Something almost equally fascinating about the show is the frequent fragments of characters and situations Shaw will explore in more depth in later plays. You see, for example, plenty of Henry Higgins in the Leonard characters, and dozens of sidelong cracks about Victorian-era quirks that will bubble to the surface in subsequent plays.

And it's all packaged in a de-



CHARLES DEAN, foreground, appears with Simon Vance and Susan-Jane Harrison in "The Philanderer," George Bernard Shaw's satirical view of a changing Victorian world.

lightful high style by the Aurora Theatre cast.

Vance does a charming job as the character running at 78 rpm in a 33 1/3 world. Susan-Jane Harrison and Lee Ann Manly are also excellent as two of the women moving in and out of life around the Ibsen Club.

Charles Dean and Chris Ayles are slyly wonderful as they bumble through a world changing from finger sandwiches to just the finger. The whole cast, in fact is just a kick to watch on the tiny Aurora stage. Director Barbara Oliver has

staged the play well, taking full advantage of the tiny acting space, and keeping the show moving at a frantic, and tremendously funny pace.

The only quibble here is that occasionally, the actors are delivering lines written in a decidedly Victorian manner, but moving with a fluidity more likely to be found in contemporary life. It hardly detracts from the production, but it probably would have been funnier if some of the ribald Victorian scenes were performed with the starched posture of the era.

REVIEW

■ **WHAT:** Aurora Theatre's production of "The Philanderer," by George Bernard Shaw

■ **WHEN:** 8 p.m. Wednesdays-Saturdays, 2 and 7 p.m. Sundays through Oct. 15 (no 7 p.m. show Oct. 15)

■ **WHERE:** Berkeley City Club, 2315 Durant Ave., Berkeley

■ **HOW MUCH:** \$26-\$35

■ **CALL:** 510-843-4822, www.auroratheatre.org

EVENTS

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Oct. 14: Nabbie's Love, 7 p.m.; Gemini, 8:55 p.m.

Oct. 21: Don't Look Back, 7 p.m.; Sasayaki, 8:45 p.m.

SPECIAL EVENT —

Contemporary Japanese Cinema

Panel Discussion, Oct. 19, 6 p.m.

Moderated by film critic Alvin Lu and featuring panelists Akihiko Shioya, Anne McKnight and Yoshifumi Hosoya. At Japan Information Center, 50 Fremont St., Suite 2200, San Francisco. (415) 986-4383

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Oct. 19, 7 p.m. A presentation by photographer Michael Frye

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The Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame

"Recognition Party," Oct. 7, 7 p.m. The Black Filmmakers Hall of Fame Film Festival closes with a ceremony honoring independent filmmakers whose projects have received awards from the BFHF.

included will be the premiere screening of "Asunder," starring Blair Underwood and Debbi Morgan. This is the first film of the Tim and Daphne Reid Production Studio. Call for tickets.

Paramount Theatre, 2025 Broadway, Oakland. (510) 465-0804 or (510) 465-6400.

Richmond Art Center

MAIN GALLERY —

"Hecho En Califas: The Last Decade 1990-99," through Nov. 11. A group exhibit of works by 31 California Latino, Chicano and Indigenous artists.

SOUTH GALLERY —

Livia Stein, through Nov. 11. A solo exhibit of works.

WEST GALLERY —

"Raymond L. Haywood/Olio Negro Design Works," through Nov. 11. A solo exhibit of works.

COMMUNITY GALLERY —

"Sharing Our Stories," through Nov. 11. An exhibit of artwork by the ART10 teen residency program.

"Shades of Richmond," through Nov. 11. An exhibit of 50 years of family photos.

"Quietly Reborn," through Nov. 11. An exhibit of photographic prints, artwork and essays by Bay Area lu Mien American youth.

"With A Song And A Dance," through Nov. 11. An exhibit of photographic prints featuring five music and dance traditions of the East Bay.

Free. Tuesday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Saturday, noon to 4:30 p.m. Civic Center Plaza, 2540 Barrett Avenue, Richmond. (510) 602-6772.

Royal Ground Gallery

"The Magic of Eight," through Oct. 29. An exhibit of painting, collage, mixed media, photography and sculpture.

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BILL MANN

Media Notes

Let the games end!

And end the Olympics finally will, this Sunday. (Or is it really Saturday? Or Monday? NBC's execs atop Olympus know for sure). The following week, Monday, the next competitive season, delayed two weeks by NBC's Day-Old, Females 64 Demographically Targeted Olympics Highlights Package, with Nielsen's permission.

The new fall TV series would normally be getting up to speed right about now. I speak metaphorically, because again, most of the new series will even be around 28 new series when the next big Autumn-based games, "Survivor II," begins. Plus, for the first time, the new series will also have to compete with baseball playoffs and the climax of a presidential campaign.

So, it's a worrisome time for the Big Six networks, which may soon become the Big Five because UPN has been bought by Fox boss James Rupert of Murdoch and could join the DuMont Network in that big picture tube in the sky.

Here's a handy, clip-and-save monthly guide to the new shows rolling out next week to let you know in advance which ones are worth watching.

Sunday — "That's Life" (CBS): Worth a look. This engaging story of a blue-collar woman (Heather Page Kent) in New Jersey who goes back to college (q.v., "Educating Rita") also features Ellen Barkin and Paul Sorvino as her parents. It has a terrible time spot, though, on Saturday night. Bonus: CBS' "60 Minutes" returns just before this premiere with new stories (finally).

Monday — "Yes, Dear" (CBS): Definitely worth a look because it contains the funniest single scene of the new TV season. (Hint: It's right near the end and involves a baby being videotaped taking his first steps.) Otherwise, this is a so-so show, but most parents of toddlers will probably like it. Also

Tuesday — "Tucker" (NBC): Forget it. A "Malcolm in the Middle" knockoff with Katey Sagal (Peg Bundy) playing the aunt from hell. And "Deadline" (NBC): Worth a

look. A well-written show from "Law & Order" producer Dick Wolf starring the talented Oliver Platt as a crusading N.Y. journalist and "Cheers" Bebe Neuwirth as his tough editor. Good cast, good writing. A grittier "West Wing."

Tuesday — "Dark Angel" (Fox): Worth checking out for two reasons: 1) Attractive star Jessica Alba will become a big star; and 2) "Titanic" director James Cameron, the show's creator, dropped \$2 million on this heavily-promoted pilot set in post-apocalyptic Seattle.

Wednesday — "Titans" (NBC): Forget it — this is Aaron Spelling-type garbage. Call it "Melrose Place Air Base." The good news: "West Wing" returns on NBC.

Thursday — "Gilmore Girls" (PBS): This is amazing... a well-written, clever show — or the WB? What's next — mud wrestling on C-SPAN? This sophisticated comedy about a young disinherited mother (Lauren Graham, of NBC's first-rate "MYOB") is easily the best thing in the Frog Network's history, and Edward Herrmann is also great as her insurance-exec father.

Radio's Titans Come to Moscow: I spent most of last week — it seemed like a month — at C.F.'s Moscow Center, where 7,000 radio geniuses/execs were attending the National Association of Broadcasters' big annual Radio Show.

This was not unlike watching the deck chairs being arranged on the Titanic.

Extending the nautical metaphor, most of these radio hacks are probably vaguely aware there's an iceberg looming out there, but you'd never know it from listening any of the sessions I covered for a radio trade magazine.

The talk was all about how to "build ratings and come" and how to stage "clever" promotions like having a listener couple renew their vows on morning-drive radio atop a hotel with the minister using a bullhorn. (I'm not making this up). Or handing out "Gotcha!" cards — redeemable for free gifts — to anyone "caught" listening to your radio station.

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FRIDAY MOVIE LISTINGS

Titles and showtimes subject to change
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Showtimes for Friday, September 29

Alameda County

Act I & II

Center St. Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM
● An Affair of Love (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:45
● Best in Show (PG-13) 12:20, 2:40, 5:00, 7:20, 9:40

Albany Twin

Solano St. San Pablo Ave. Albany 843-FLM
● Goya in Bordeaux (R) 4:15, 6:45, 9:00
● Woman on Top (R) 4:30, 7:00, 9:00

California Theatres

On Kitehawk at Shattuck, Berkeley 843-FLM
● Nurse Betty (R) 1:50, 4:15, 7:00, 9:20
● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 1:30, 4:00, 6:40, 9:10
● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 1:15, 3:15, 5:20, 7:30, 9:45

Century 25 Union City Union Landing*

32100 Union Landing Road, Union City 487-9593
● Almost Famous (R) 11:50 a.m., 1:35, 2:25, 4:15, 5:05, 7:15, 7:45, 9:30, 9:55

● The Art of War (R) 12:30, 2:50, 10:10
● Autumn in New York (PG-13) 2:40, 7:30
● Ball (R) 11:40 a.m., 1:05, 2:20, 3:55, 5:10, 7:05, 7:50, 9:45, 10:25

● Beautiful (PG-13) 11:35 a.m., 12:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20
● Bring It On (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 12:05, 10:45, 2:45, 4:20, 5:15, 7:00, 7:40, 9:25, 10:10

● The Call (R) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:40, 7:35, 10:05
● Coyote Ugly (PG-13) 12:35, 5:05, 9:45

● Duets (R) 11:30 a.m., 2:00, 4:35, 7:25, 10:05
● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 11:55 a.m., 1:00, 3:10, 4:10, 6:15, 7:20, 9:10, 10:10

● Highlander: Endgame (R) 12:50, 5:20, 9:40
● Hollow Man (R) 2:45, 7:20

● Nurse Betty (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:20, 4:45, 7:15, 9:55
● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:15 a.m., 1:55, 4:35, 7:10, 9:55

● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 4:25, 5:20, 7:05, 9:35, 10:30

● The Replacements (PG-13) 2:55, 7:45
● Scary Movie (R) 12:30, 3:45, 6:00, 8:05, 10:15

● Space Cowboys (PG-13) noon, 4:50, 9:40
● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 12:25, 11:20, 2:50, 3:30, 5:10, 5:50, 7:30, 8:10, 9:50, 10:30

● The Watcher (R) 12:20, 2:40, 5:25, 8:00, 10:15
● The Way of the Gun (R) 2:50, 7:15

● What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 1:15, 4:05, 7:05, 10:00
● Woman on Top (R) 12:15, 2:30, 4:55, 7:25, 9:35

Chabot Cinema

2833 Castro Valley Blvd., Castro Valley 582-2555

● Remember the Titans (PG) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

Elmwood

2900 College Road, Berkeley 649-0530

● Chicken Run (G) 5:10

● The Color of Paradise (PG) 7:10

● Fidelity (R) 9:15

● Saving Grace (R) 7:00, 9:00

● Space Cowboys (PG-13) 4:40, 9:05

● Sunshine (R) 6:00

Fine Arts Cinema - Berkeley*

2451 Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 848-1143

● San Antonio Film Festival 2000 (NR)

● The Boatman's Boy (R)

● Confessions of a Teenage Drama Queen (NR)

● The Day After Tomorrow (NR)

● The Devil Lives in Hollywood (NR)

● The Elusive Jester: Willing (NR)

● Film Film (NR)

● Grace (R)

● Hush (NR)

● Hong Kong (HK) (NR)

● King of the Jews (NR)

● The Manipulators (NR)

● The March (NR)

● Moushles (NR)

● Out of the Fire (NR)

● Restricted (NR)

● Serenade (NR)

● Slow Dance (NR)

● Things to Remember About Daumier (NR)

● Twilight Dream in Walking Distance (NR)

● The Virtuosity Decision (NR)

● Water Ritual (NR)

● Why I Hate Bees (NR)

● Zylion Portrait (NR)

Grand Lake Theater

3200 Grand Avenue, Oakland 452-3556

● Ball (R) 12:20, 5:00, 9:30

● Bring It On (PG-13) 3:00, 7:30

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 12:30, 3:45, 7:15, 10:30

● Remember the Titans (PG) 1:00, 4:40, 7:00, 9:45

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 1:15, 3:30, 6:00, 8:15, 10:15

Jack London Cinema

100 Washington St., Oakland 433-1320

● Almost Famous (R) 10:45 a.m., 1:30, 2:40, 4:20, 7:15, 7:45, 10:10

● Ball (R) 11:15 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:45, 10:35

● Beautiful (PG-13) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:35, 7:20, 10:05

● Bring It On (PG-13) 11:20 a.m., 4:50, 10:30

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:05, 10:15

● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:05 a.m., 1:55, 5:00, 7:50, 10:40

● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:00 a.m., 11:30 a.m., 1:40, 2:10, 4:25, 4:55, 7:10, 9:55, 10:25

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:05, 4:45, 7:30, 10:20

Festival 9 Cinemas Hayward*

19901 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-8000

● The Art of War (R) 5:15, 10:30

● Ball (R) 2:30, 5:00, 7:10, 10:10

● Beautiful (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:00, 9:30

● Bring It On (PG-13) 1:45, 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

● The Call (R) 2:45, 9:00

● Duets (R) 2:00, 4:20, 7:10, 9:40

● Nurse Betty (R) 2:10, 4:30, 7:20, 9:50

● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 2:45, 5:15, 7:50, 10:30, 10:40

● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:20, 4:45, 7:30, 10:00

● Space Cowboys (PG-13) 2:00, 4:40, 7:30, 10:20

NAZ 8

39400 Argonaut Way, Fremont 797-2000

● Chirrup (NR) 9:30

● Dubai Akbar Prem Ka (NR) 5:00, 6:00, 7:00, 8:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

● Fiza (NR) 5:00, 9:00

● Hamara Dil Aapke Paas Hai (NR) 5:00, 9:00

● Karobar (NR) 5:00

● Tamil Movie (NR) 5:00, 9:00, 10:00, 11:00

● Tara Jadoo Chai Gayee (NR) 5:00

Oaks Theater*

1875 Solano Avenue, Berkeley 536-1836

● Beyond the Clouds (NR) 1:15, 9:30

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 7:00, 9:45

Piedmont Theater

Piedmont at 41st, Oakland 842-FLM

● Nurse Betty (R) 4:30, 7:15, 9:35

● Saving Grace (R) 4:50, 7:00, 9:20

● Woman on Top (R) 5:15, 7:30, 9:45

Shattuck Cinemas*

On Shattuck at Kitehawk, Berkeley 843-FLM

● Almost Famous (R) 1:15, 3:35, 6:55, 9:35

● Almost Famous (R) 1:20, 2:40, 4:10, 5:30, 7:00, 8:00, 9:50

● Girl on the Bridge (R) 12:45, 3:05, 5:20, 7:35, 10:00

● The Life and Times of Hank Greenberg (NR) 12:40, 5:10, 7:20

● Psycho Beach Party (NR) 2:55, 9:55

● Remember the Titans (PG) 1:30, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

● Surviving Paradise (NR) 1:00, 3:10, 5:20, 7:30, 9:40

● The Tao of Steve (R) 1:05, 3:25, 5:35, 7:40, 9:40

● Urbana (R) 2:20, 4:50, 7:15, 9:55

● The Way of the Gun (R) 1:10, 4:00, 6:50, 9:30

UA Berkeley 7

2274 Shattuck Ave., Berkeley 843-1487

● Ball (R) 12:10, 3:25, 7:15, 10:10

● Beautiful (PG-13) noon, 2:40, 5:20, 8:00, 10:35

● Bring It On (PG-13) 12:45, 3:05, 5:25, 7:35, 10:30

● Gladiator (R) 3:30, 9:45

● Human Resources (NR) 12:05, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 10:00

● Scary Movie (R) 12:10, 7:00

● The Watcher (R) 12:30, 3:00, 5:30, 7:50, 10:10

● What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:15, 3:15, 7:05, 10:20

UA Emeryville 10

6320 Central Expressway, Emeryville 420-0107

● Almost Famous (R) 11:40 a.m., 2:20, 5:15, 8:00, 10:45

● Ball (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:40, 4:25, 7:20, 10:15

● Beautiful (PG-13) 11:15 a.m., 2:15, 5:10, 7:45, 10:30

● Bring It On (PG-13) 11:30, 3:00, 5:30, 8:15, 10:40

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) noon, 3:30, 7:00, 10:00, 12:30 a.m.

● Nurse Betty (R) 11:00 a.m., 1:45, 4:30, 7:10, 10:00

● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 10:55 a.m., 1:35, 4:35, 7:15, 10:15

● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:20 a.m., 2:00, 4:45, 7:30, 10:10, 12:30 a.m.

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 11:10 a.m., 1:50, 4:20, 7:15, 9:55, 12:30 a.m.

● Woman on Top (R) 12:20, 2:50, 5:20, 7:50, 10:20

UA Hayward 6

24900 Hesperian Blvd., Hayward 786-3000

● Almost Famous (R) 12:50, 3:50, 7:10, 10:10

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:00, 4:00, 7:00, 10:00

● Nutty Professor II: The Klumps (PG-13) 2:30, 7:20

● Scary Movie (R) 12:20, 4:50, 8:45

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 12:40, 3:10, 5:30, 8:00, 10:20

● The Watcher (R) 12:30, 2:50, 5:10, 7:30, 9:50

● Woman on Top (R) 12:10, 2:20, 4:40, 7:15, 9:30

UC Theatre

University Avenue between Milva Street and Shattuck Avenue, Berkeley 843-FLM

● Disco Daisies in Hot Skin (3-D) 5:45, 9:10

● Hard Candy (NR) 7:30, 10:55

Central Contra Costa

Century 5 Pleasant Hill

Fwy 880, Monument Blvd., Pleasant Hill 681-1100

● The Art of War (R) 2:40, 7:50

● Ball (R) 12:20, 5:20, 10:10

● Bring It On (PG-13) noon, 2:30, 5:00, 7:30, 9:50

● Coyote Ugly (PG-13) 3:00, 7:40

● Nurse Betty (R) 2:25, 4:55, 7:35, 10:15

● What Lies Beneath (PG-13) 12:10, 3:00, 7:20, 10:10

● Woman on Top (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:00, 4:30, 7:00, 9:20

Festival Walnut Creek

1450 California Blvd., Walnut Creek 947-8649

● Almost Famous (R) 1:55, 4:30, 7:15, 9:50

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:20, 4:10, 7:00, 9:55

● The Replacements (PG-13) 12:10, 3:00, 7:20, 10:10

● Remember the Titans (PG) 2:15, 4:40, 7:10, 9:45

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 2:40, 5:00, 7:30, 9:40

Orinda Theater

4 Drexel Theater Square, Orinda 254-0960

● Almost Famous (R) 1:00, 9:45

● Chicken Run (G) 5:00

● Nurse Betty (R) 6:45, 9:30

● Saving Grace (R) 8:00, 10:00

Park Theater

3519 Golden Gate Way, Lafayette 283-7997

● Woman on Top (R) 7:00, 9:30

Rheem All-Stadium 4

350 Park Street, Moraga 898-3411

● Beautiful (PG-13) 4:40, 7:00, 9:15

● The Exorcist (R) 5:05, 8:00

● The Tao of Steve (R) 5:10, 7:10, 9:10

● Urban Legends: Final Cut (R) 5:15, 7:30, 9:30

West Contra Costa

Century 10 Pinole

1450 Airport Way, Pinole 422-8000

● Almost Famous (R) 11:25 a.m., 2:15, 5:00, 7:40, 10:20

● Ball (R) 11:35 a.m., 2:20, 5:10, 7:50, 10:25

● Beautiful (PG-13) 11:30 a.m., 2:10, 5:05, 7:30, 10:10

● Bring It On (PG-13) 11:40 a.m., 1:55, 4:10, 7:15, 9:40

● The Exorcist: The Version You've Never Seen (R) 1:00, 4:05, 7:10, 10:10

● The Original Kings of Comedy (R) 11:45 a.m., 2:25, 5:15, 8:00, 10:30

● Remember the Titans (PG) 11:15 a.m., 12:10, 1:50, 2:45, 4:25, 7:00, 7:55, 9:35, 10:30

Reviews

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has them behaving on dates the way they probably did in high school. If it were a comedy, the movie might be fun for younger teenagers who want to be rebellious like people in their 30s don't always want to be. — R. Ebert. 1 hour, 22 minutes C

"NURSE BETTY": The best movie about a nurse since "The Hot Chick" and the worst since "The Hot Chick" is also the best movie of the year, a comedy that is as funny as it is smart. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. — M. Pils. (R) 1 hour, 52 minutes. A

"THE ORIGINAL KINGS OF COMEDY": Lee's concert film documents a tour by the national Kings of Comedy, a tour that is as smart as it is funny. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. — M. Pils. (R) 1 hour, 57 minutes. B

"PSYCHO BEACH PARTY": This raucous spoof of "Gidget" and "Beach Party" movies and teen slasher flicks originally was a hit off Broadway in 1967. Thirteen years later, it's as raucous as ever. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. It's a dark and cheeky comedy that is as smart as it is funny. — M. Pils. (R) 1 hour, 35 minutes. B

"THE REPLACEMENTS": Here's a movie that's completely upfront about its intentions. A comedy crew of replacement players will be gathered, dressed in uniforms and turned into a team. They will do funny things on and off the football field. — M. Pils. (R) 1 hour, 54 minutes. C+

and by the end, at least one of them will discover that he has Heart. Cheerleaders will appear periodically to ensure that the testosterone level is complete. Inspired by the 1987 NFL players strike, "The Replacements" tries to emulate better sports movies, from "Slap Shot" to "The Bad News Bears," and doesn't succeed. But it's actually kind of hard to dislike Gene Hackman and Keanu Reeves as the Coach and the Quarterback endures much. — M. Pils. (PG-13: crude sexual humor and language.) 1 hour, 54 minutes. C+

"SAVING GRACE": A light, hilarious English comedy to wash away the ill effects of summer blockbusters. Twice Oscar-nominated Brenda Blethyn ("Secrets & Lies," "Little Voice") leads a seamless cast of character actors. She plays Grace Trevelyan, whose philandering husband has died and left her with a mountain of debt. Looking for a way to pay it off, the genteel Grace utilizes her natural talent for gardening and sets up a marijuana farm in her greenhouse. Her partner in crime is her gardener, Martin, played with considerable hand-to-hand combat by Craig Ferguson, who also co-wrote this gem. In the tradition of "Waking Ned Devine," "Saving Grace" takes part of its strength and charm from its setting, a seaside village in Cornwall where everybody definitely knows everybody's name. Easy to see why this chamber scooped up the Audience Appreciation award at Sundance 2000. — M. Pils. (R: drug content and language.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. A-

"SPACE COWBOYS": OK, so it's not actually "The Golden Girls in Outer Space" but it sure seems like it. Clint Eastwood directs and stars in this available but silly comedy-drama about four retired Air Force pilots (Eastwood, Tommy Lee Jones, James Garner and Donald Sutherland) called into action to help NASA with a problem: a—and antiquated—Russian satellite. After a month of training, they're off in the space shuttle to save the day. With four such fine actors, this ought to have been better, but it doesn't quite make it. For one thing, the meandering jokes about heart attacks, poor eyesight and dentures wear thin. Then there's the credibility of the story. Does NASA really send astronauts into space without telling them the truth about their dangerous assignments? — M. Pils. (PG-13: brief nudity.) 2 hours. C

"SUNSHINE": Three generations of a Hungarian Jewish family live through, and sometimes die because of, a century of persecution. Ralph Fiennes is impressive in a triple role, as a turn-of-the-century Budapest manufacturer who wants to stand for Parliament; his son, who wins a gold medal in the Olympics and converts to Catholicism; and his grandson, who finds a position in the postwar

communist regime. All want, in their own way, to be a "good Hungarian," and all, in one way or another, are defeated by a series of totalitarian regimes. True historical sweep in a thoughtful film by Istvan Szabo. — R. Ebert. (R: strong sexual violence, language and nudity.) 3 hours. B

"URBAN LEGENDS: Final Cut": Formulaic, unfocused sequel to a horror flick that wasn't good enough to merit a sequel. Of course, "Final Cut" really has nothing to do with urban legends and is more of a "Scream" ripoff than anything else. The talented young cast from the original is missing, and in its stead we get Joseph (don't call me Joey) Lawrence. As for the plot, "Urban Legends" follows a tired formula as it follows an aspiring young filmmaker (Jennifer Morrison) who's making a movie about a college campus serial killer who re-enacts urban legends. A movie that's so derivative you'll be praying that this is indeed the final cut. — C. Lemire. (R: violence, language and some sexuality.) 1 hour, 38 minutes. D

"URBANIA": Popular urban legends snake through this audacious new independent film by first-time director Jon Shear. Working from a play, Shear has managed to combine dark comedy, seriously creepy cypscapes and a compelling gay love story. Charlie (Dan Futterman) is haunted by subliminal flashes of a tattooed stranger and sudden bursts of street violence. The film progresses as we—the audience—emerge from the haze of Charlie's scrambled, grief-ridden recollections. The result is an ending that is as heartrending as it is mind-melting. — G. Lovell. (NR: could be rated R for violence, nudity and language.) 1 hour, 45 minutes. A

"THE WATCHER": James Spader needs to be in an Adopt-a-Actor program, at least to save him from this latest inexplicable spiral. He plays Joel Campbell, a barbiturate-popping, migraine medicine-injecting FBI agent burned out from reading the minds of whacked-out serial killers. Campbell moves to Chicago to escape his past, but his last California killer (Keanu Reeves) misses him so much that he follows him to the Midwest and sends him photos of his next female victim. Mansa then plays the FBI agent's psychiatrist, but probably wasn't she one of the victims to be spared the indignity of this film. — V. Chan. (R: violence and language.) 1 hour, 37 minutes. D

"THE WAY OF THE GUN": An incomprehensible and deeply annoying movie, inexplicable in that it comes from Christopher McQuarrie, who wrote the brilliant script for "The Usual Suspects." Ryan Phillippe and Benicio Del Toro play a team of unskilled con men who kidnap a pregnant girl who is acting as a surrogate mother for a very wealthy couple. Unfortunately for them, and us, the enormously pregnant Robin is played by Juliette Lewis. Pity the con men who get stuck with her in their back seat. The level of pointless violence is just astonishing. There's a huge shootout at the end that tries desperately to harken back to "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid," with Del Toro and Phillippe outgunned and outnumbered in an artistically seedy Mexican hotel under a deep blue sky. But no one will care about their fate. — M. Pils. (R: violence, sexuality and language.) 1 hour, 58 minutes. D

"WOMAN ON TOP": Cheerful piffle with little going for it but the amazing loveliness of Spanish actress Penelope Cruz. She plays a Brazilian chef who catches her husband cheating on her and runs away to San Francisco to start fresh. A television producer with a crush offers her a local cooking show, and soon she's a star. She still pines for hubby, though, so she cooks up a little black magic to rid herself of love for him. Unfortunately, he turns up, crooning love songs and refusing to let her go. His charm is forced-fed, like the movie. Feminists will probably hate the movie's ending, but the biggest bummer is there aren't even any good recipes. — M. Pils. (R: sexuality.) 1 hour, 33 minutes. C+

Titans

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Early mourning

The movie begins with a flash-forward to 1981, where the coaches and teammates have gathered for a funeral, guaranteeing us some tears down the line when we find out who is dead.

In a voice-over, Coach Yoast's daughter informs us that high school football is very important in these her parts. More celebrated than Christmas even. Her treacly accent sounds more appropriate to Savannah than a suburb of Washington, D.C.

There's the usual parade of stereotypical white louts in Alexandria; we get to hear them saying things like "It only takes one" as Boone and his lovely wife and three daughters are moving in.

Meanwhile, the African-American community is happy to see him, and about 100 of them crowd into the street outside his house for a little orchestrated celebration. It's all very inspirational, except that it's only about 10 minutes into the movie and we need a bit more buildup before we're ready to hand over the heart-strings to director Boaz Yakin.

A pre-school football camp provides Washington with a fine opportunity to show off his drill sergeant chops. He's so authoritative that the white player who looks to be the biggest jerk, Gerry Bertier (Ryan Hurst), quickly turns to jelly in his hands, meekly obeying Boone's instructions to call him Daddy.

"Water is for cowards!" Boone tells the boys as he makes them sweat in the hot sun until they puke. He's got some good strategies for making the black and white teammates get along, including making them share rooms and answer pop quiz questions about each other. He even takes them on a run at 3 a.m., dragging Coach Yoast along as well, through the woods and over the dunes to none other than the Gettysburg battlefield. By then it's dawn (long run), and the gravestones are looking misty, the perfect backdrop for Boone to give a speech about those who died at Gettysburg. "Take a lesson from the dead. If we don't come together, we too will be destroyed, just like they were." Now

REVIEW

■ WHAT: "Remember the Titans"

■ STARRING: Denzel Washington, Will Patton, Wood Harris, Ryan Hurst, Donald Faison, Craig Kirkwood, Ethan Suplee

■ RATING: PG (thematic elements and some language)

■ RUNNING TIME: 1 hour, 53 minutes

■ WHERE: Opens today at area theaters

■ GRADE: C+

Follow the leaders

The turning point of the movie is when Gerry, who is the captain of the team, and the black "leader" Julius (Wood Harris) bond at camp. After a successful play, they bang helmets and shout at each other, which are apparently friendly gestures.

Both young men are extremely appealing, but it's hard to believe they're only 18 (they look to be in their late 20s). Led by their friendship, soon the whole team is crooning "Ain't No Mountain High Enough" together in the locker room. Previously, the only singing done was by the black players and one white boy, Lewie (the charming Ethan Suplee), who describes himself as "white trash," while the rest of the white players looked on disapprovingly. But as the season plays out, we learn that the team that sings together wins together.

"Remember the Titans" is at its best when the team is actually on the field.

Washington is so good at what he does that he gives weight to a movie that doesn't really deserve it. You can see why he took the role, though; it's perfect for him.

And the authentic story line, though doubtless stretched far beyond reality, is a good one. We should probably just be encouraged by the fact that it's a subject Hollywood wanted to tackle, even if it is candy-coated.

Regardless, audiences are going to lap it up; they clapped spontaneously at several scenes during a preview in San Francisco earlier this

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week. How could they not? "Remember the Titans" has been so relentlessly engineered to please, to uplift and inspire that it's shameless.

Pouring it on

For instance, after the Titans have won a few games, Julius goes to Gerry's neighborhood for a visit and gets stopped by a policeman. But the gag is that the cop just wants to tell him how great the Titans are.

Just in case the audience doesn't see that the tide is turning, the soundtrack is blaring Cat Stevens' "Peace Train."

There are no cute puppies in "Remember the Titans," but there is an exquisitely pretty and painfully shrill little girl (Hayden Panettiere) who plays Coach Yoast's bratty daughter, Sheryl.

She calls him "Coach" at all times and accompanies him everywhere, including football camp. She's supposed to be comic relief, chiming in with football advice for both Boone and Yoast.

But she's eerily precocious. It wouldn't be so bad if Yakin didn't rely on her as his touchstone for emotion throughout the movie; he cuts to her constantly, whether to ham it up or offer her dad some words of wisdom as golden as her ringlets.

It's she, in that voice-over at the beginning, who tells us that in Alexandria, at least in 1981, "Before we reach for hate, always, we remember the Titans." Hmm.

The cynic in us might wonder if that's really true; while the dreamer hopes that this set of Titans, drummed into drama by the Hollywood machine, might make at least a small difference in race relations in 2000.

Movie picks

Movie reviews from around the nation

	Contra Costa Times	Dallas Morning News	Detroit Free Press	Miami Herald	N.Y. Daily News	Philadelphia Inquirer	Seattle Times
"Almost Famous" (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
"Bait" (R)							
"Bring It On" (PG-13)							
"The Cell" (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
"Duets" (R)							
"The Exorcist" (R)							
"Nurse Betty" (R)	★	★	★	★	★	★	★
"Urban Legends" (R)							
"The Watcher" (R)							
"Woman on Top" (R)							

★ Brilliant ■ Good ▼ Weak ☹ Bomb

Events

FROM PAGE C3

Free. Daily 9 a.m. to 8 p.m. 2058 Mountain Blvd., Oakland. (510) 339-0348.

Redwood Regional Park — Remarkable Redwoods. Oct. 7, 3 p.m. An afternoon walk through the forest. Registration required. For age 6 and older. 1961 Redwood Road, Oakland. (510) 521-6887.

Cal Performances — Passes String Quartet, Oct. 1, 3 p.m. Guest artist: Andreas Haefliger, piano. A program of works by Mozart, Janacek, Dvorak, Brahms, Oct. 1, 2 p.m. A pre-concert talk by musicologist Jacob Grier. Free to all ticketholders. 1422 Hertz Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way at College Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

Hognicant — Sept. 30, 8 p.m. "The Song of Songs" includes works by Palestrina, Monteverdi, Grandi, Pizzocchi, Charpentier. \$18 seniors; \$12 students. First Congregational Church, Dana and Durant Streets, Berkeley. (415) 979-4500.

Resources — Pianist David Shemer, Oct. 1, 7:30 p.m. A program of works by J.S. Bach, Jacques de la Guerre, F. Couperin, Couperin, Yim Leef. \$15 seniors and students. 1000 The Alameda, Berkeley. (510) 528-1685.

St. Mark's Episcopal Church — Organist Matteo Imbruno, Oct. 8, 6 p.m. An all-Bach performance. 2300 Bancroft Way, Berkeley. (510) 845-0888.

Trinity Concert Series — Rachel Streeter and Janine Johnson, Sept. 30, 8 p.m. A program of works by J.S. Bach, J. Bodin de Boisvert, Jacques Duphy, Louis Couperin. \$10 general; \$8 seniors and students. Trinity Chapel, 2320 Dana St., Berkeley. (510) 549-3864.

Ashkenaz — Box Set, Legion of Mary, Sept. 29, 9:30 p.m. \$12. Soukous Stars, Sept. 30, 9:30 p.m. \$11. Dan, Tom and Mary, Oct. 3, 9 p.m. \$8. Nigerian Bros. and DJ Henri-Pierre Koubaka, Oct. 4, 8 p.m. \$10. Laura Allan Band, Oct. 5, 7:30 p.m. \$5. Clan Dyken and Diane Patterson, Leonard Benalloy, Oct. 6, 9:30 p.m. \$9. West African Highlife Band, Oct. 7, 9:30 p.m. \$11. Sekoua Bambino Diabate, Oct. 8, 9 p.m. \$10. For all ages. 1317 San Pablo Ave., Berkeley. (510) 525-5099 or www.ashkenaz.com

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Cal Performances — An Afternoon with Raffi, Oct. 1, 2 p.m. \$20. Omara Portuondo and Barbarito Torres, Oct. 5, 8 p.m. \$24 to \$48. Zellerbach Hall, University of California, Bancroft Way and Telegraph Avenue, Berkeley. (510) 642-9988.

Cato's Ale House — Piedmont Bluegrass and Jam, Sept. 30 and Oct. 7. Songwriter Night, Oct. 1. The Pinchdogs, Oct. 4. The Mudflaps, Oct. 8. Shows start at 6 p.m. 3891 Piedmont Ave., Oakland. (510) 655-3349.

Eli's Mile High Club — J.L. Stiles, Sept. 29. J.L. Malone, Sept. 30. Henry Clement, Oct. 6. Ron Thompson, Oct. 7. 3629 Martin Luther King Jr. Way, Oakland. (510) 655-6661.

Fall For The Arts — through Oct. 26. A Lunchtime Concert Series. Oct. 5: Capoeira Arts Cafe and Company. Oct. 12: The Sterling Trio. Oct. 19: Vocal Sauce. Oct. 26: East Bay Science and Arts Middle School. Free. Thursday, noon. Downtown Berkeley BART Plaza, Shattuck Avenue at Center Street, Berkeley. (510) 549-2230.

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In the same way that TV broadcasters refused to take the seminal cable industry seriously — they're now paying for it big-time — most of the radio execs in attendance last week gave only lip service to the challenges facing them from fast-emerging new technologies. The e-mail I've been getting at RadioDigest.com, where I write the San Francisco column, is running 10-to-1 against the current state of radio; the level of disenchantment and outright disgust of the public with the repetitive and unimaginative radio programming in today's post-consolidation industry is sobering. But you never would have guessed it at Moscone.

Traditional radio broadcasters are already seeing audiences severely eroded on two fronts, and a third, more powerful one, is due this winter: MP-3 technology has caused much of broadcast radio's college-age audience to vanish; plus, listenership to radio on the Web is soaring. Some radio broadcasters like point to the spotty technical nature of listening to streaming radio on the Web, and I counter that listeners must be pretty desperate for alternatives to broadcast radio that they are willing to put up with sketchy net radio reception.

But the real bomb gets dropped on radio around Christmas when two satellite-radio services start beaming programming (news, information, music) directly into listeners' cars. The Big Three automakers are all installing satellite-capable radios in their new models. These guys at Moscone don't believe listeners will pay \$10 a month for commercial-free alternatives (some greedy SF radio stations are now running around 30 minutes of commercials — an hour). Then again, TV execs didn't believe people would pay for cable, either. The same mistake is about to be repeated in radio.

I also sat in on an NAB session with the top engineers in the business. These guys are pushing for the industry to accept a single standard so digital radio can finally become reality. Again, the deck chairs: The senior engineer on the panel admitted, however, that there was "no public demand" for digital radio. (Like HDTV.)

After the session, I took one of the panelists aside and he admitted privately, "Why would anyone pay for a receiver to hear the same s— our station is programming just because it's a digital signal?"

I also attended the NAB's "Suppression," and it reminded me of watching "The 700 Club." There,

up on two big screens and looking a lot like Big Brother in that famous Apple TV commercial, was Lowry Mays, Clear Channel's CEO and the most powerful guy in radio — he now owns 1000 stations. Throwing the Texas softballs was doughy former CNN "Moneyline" anchor Lou Dobbs. Dobbs, of course, wouldn't ask San Antonian Mays the one question that most needed to be asked: "Why should anyone, leave alone a glorified billboard salesman from Texas, be allowed to own 1,000 radio stations?"

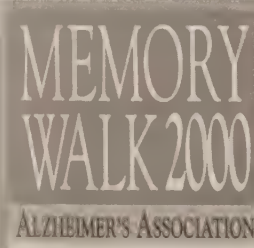
Dimbulb, standardized programming and corporate greed are radio's real problems, not the conversion to digital they talk about so much. Net and satellite technology is about to rock radio's world, and it couldn't happen to a more deserving industry. You may not believe it, but TV execs look almost saintly as a group compared to their radio counterparts, many of whom have been in bed with the even-sleazier record business most of their careers. Consolidation and mega-group ownership has already chased many of the most talented

and dedicated people out of radio. Part of me will enjoy watching this once-great industry slowly collapse because of the rot within.

Radio broadcasters have openly derided the concept of the public airwaves for years while increasingly befouling them with hate-mongering talk hosts, huge commercial loads, vulgar morning shows, and identical music playlists to the ones used in Cincinnati, L.A., and Scranton. Uniformity of product works in the fast-food industry, not in broadcasting, and certainly not in the Bay Area, where the level of discontent with radio is at an all-time high — like corporate radio profits, which is all these guys see and care about.

Most of those radio broadcasters I mingled with in San Francisco last week couldn't come up with a new idea if you demanded one at gunpoint. If creativity and imagination generated electricity, you could have safely stored dynamite at Moscone Center last week.

(Questions, Comments? E-mail Bill at Newsman@sonic.net.)




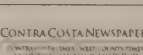
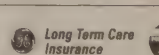
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Berkeley Transportation Commission continues its workshops on a program of Neighborhood Traffic Calming and Traffic Safety. Each workshop is held on the same material. Workshop fee is \$10. Tuesday, Oct. 3, 7-10 p.m. at the Turning Point Career Center, 2600 Bancroft Way. For more information, call 848-6370.

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Theater, Dance & Film

Contra Costa Civic Theatre opens its forty-first season on Friday, Oct. 13 with "Arsenic and Old Lace," by Joseph Kesselring. The opening night performance is followed by a champagne reception with the cast and crew. Performances continue through Nov. 18 on Fridays and Saturdays at 8 p.m. with 2 p.m. matinee performances on Sundays, Oct. 22 and Nov. 5. Tickets: \$10 each for adults, and \$6 each for youth, ages 16 and under with current ID. The theatre is located at 951 Pomona Ave., at Mooser Lane in El Cerrito. For 24-hour reservations call 524-9132.

The Speakeasy Theatre Company, 2016 Seventh St., presents Andrea Mook's low-tech, one-woman play "Brain in a Box," opening Saturday, Oct. 7 and continuing through Nov. 11. The play is the story of a young computer geek, Jeff who has a recurring nightmare in which he can't tell if he is a human who thinks too much like a computer or a computer who has been programmed

to think its a person

UC Berkeley Department of Dramatic Art/Center for Theater Arts presents a musical version of Bertolt Brecht's "The Caucasian Chalk Circle," on Oct. 6, 7, 13, 14 at 8 p.m. and Oct. 8, 15, 22 p.m. The play, directed by Bay Area actor Lura Dolas, features an original musical score by renowned Bay Area composer and guitarist John Schott. Based in part on an ancient Chinese tale, Brecht's epic parable takes place against the background of the Caucus Region of the "old" Soviet Union. The production features a cast of seventeen actors and musicians who play 67 roles in this epic drama. Tickets: \$12 general, \$8 UC Berkeley faculty/staff, \$6 students/seniors. For ticket information, call 601-8932 or for other information call 642-1677.

India's Chorus Repertory Theatre of Imphal brings its panoramic epic theater to North America for the first time, at Cal performances on Saturday, Oct. 7, 8 p.m. and Sunday, Oct. 8 at 3 p.m. in Zellerbach Hall. The company will present "Uttar-Priyadarshi," a story of the second-century emperor Ashoka who promulgated Buddhism in India. Free Sightlines pre-performance discussions with Rachel Cooper, Asia Society, begin at 7 p.m. Saturday, Oct. 7 and 2 p.m. on Sunday, Oct. 8. Post-performance

discussion with the director Ratan Thiyam and the company follow each performance. Ticket prices: \$24, \$36 and \$48. Call 642-9988 to charge by phone or for more information.

The Bay Area English Recency Society presents Lafayette's Return Ball on Saturday, Sept. 30 at the Arlington Community Church, 52 Arlington Ave., Kensington. Doors open at 7:30 p.m. and dancing begins at 8:15 p.m. Dances will be taught and called by the Dancing Master. Music will be provided by the Divertimento Orchestra. Costumes for guests admired but not required. Tickets are \$16 at the door, \$12 in advance. For tickets call 650-365-2913. For more information, call 415-353-0474 or www.geocities/Vienna/Strasse/1815

The Z Space Studio presents "Fanny at Chez Panisse," Oct. 29, Wednesdays through Sundays, at the Julia Morgan Theater, 2640 College Ave. The musical, written by Joe Landon is based on the book by Alice Waters with Bob Carrau and Patricia Curtan. A young girl experiencing the pangs of adolescence, the pleasures of great food, and the warmth of an extended family comes to life on stage. Tickets: \$26-\$34; discounts for senior, students, and children under 12. For tickets and times, call Community Box Office at 1-888-FANNY06

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New Honda Civic boasts crash-safety frame

Keane on Wheels

By Connie Keane

Those thinking of buying a large, expensive car for safety reasons should consider the 2001 Honda Civic. Although it's a small, compact car, safety abounds throughout.

Safety was the primary objective when the designers and engineers set out to build their all-new Civic. They wanted the 2001 model to achieve the highest possible ratings when tested for frontal, side and offset impact by the National Highway Traffic and Safety Administration. Although NHTSA has yet to smash the Civic, Honda people expect this car to come out smelling like a rose when the test takes place.

The new model now has a "smart linked" body shell that features multidirectional cross members producing additional strength to the body. This firm shell also provides better absorbing energy upon impact. You won't see these features when you view this car, but keep in mind that, in spite of its size, you are looking at a very sturdy vehicle.

The Civic has two body styles: coupe and sedan. The coupe is available in four models, the sedan in three. My report centers on the coupe LX, which has a base price of \$14,810. Other prices for the best-selling small car in the U.S. for

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THE 2001 HONDA CIVIC has a "smart linked" body shell that features multidirectional cross members producing additional strength to the body.

Drive, She Said



By Denise McCluggage

Muffler men join other dinosaurs

Next time I go to Kansas City, I'm going to the Kansas City Children's Museum to gaze upon a rescued "muffler man." This resolve formed when I learned that the museum had outbid a crass California developer who wanted to relocate the Boonville, Mo. landmark for commercial purposes of his own.

The presence of this "muffler man" in a museum may well mark an important transition for these 20-foot-tall fiberglass icons of urban highways. In their 40 years of largely unchronicled history, muffler men have moved from innovative hard-to-miss examples of American free enterprise (often promoting muffler shops, thus their nickname) through highway

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Dear Susan: You are not alone with this problem. Even some car owners with garages have small rodent problems such as yours. The product that I have used over the years to eliminate mice called Robel. It is available in most hardware stores. Used as directed, it works in the New England area. Or you could consult a pest exterminator in your area for advice.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1989 Chevy Astro van with 93,000 miles. The power steering bracket has broken three times over the years. I cannot get a satisfactory explanation from the dealer on why this keeps happening. Any ideas would be appreciated. Bob

Dear Bob: There are no bulletins on this problem, nor have I had any show up in my shop. For any bracket to fail more than once, something is wrong. Either a secondary bracket

is missing or the bracket is not properly bolted, causing extra stress on the portion of the power steering bracket that continues to break. Before this problem happens again, take the van to some other dealer. Have the technician look over the bracket closely, looking for missing bolts or a missing support bracket. Again, this is not a common problem.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1973 Nissan 240. For the past year there has been an occasional rubbing sound when I back up the car. The car has never been in an accident. I had the shop technicians check out the rear brakes and other areas in the rear and they have been unable to find anything wrong. What do you suggest? Beverly

Dear Beverly: It is not unusual to hear a rear brake noise on some imports, especially older models. You need to take the car into a shop and have the rear brakes cleaned and rear drums or rotors resurfaced or deglazed. This is not a safety issue, just a nuisance noise.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1994 Mercury Grand Marquis. When it was new I complained about a hash downshift between 35 and 45 mph. The dealer said the factory-installed transmission fluid was too thin.

Ask the Auto Doctor

By Junior Damato

Whatever the technicians did cured the harsh shift. Now at 64,000 miles the hash shift is back. Do you think the problem is the transmission fluid again? Ken

Dear Ken: The problem is related somewhat to transmission fluid and transmission design. If there are no engine related problems, I would have the transmission fluid flushed, not just drained out. I would also suggest using the Ford recommended transmission fluid with a shutter additive. In simple terms the newer formulated transmission fluid will allow a slight amount of slippage. That, along with the additive should eliminate your harsh shifting. The thickness of the fluids are the same; the chemical make up is the difference.

Dear Doctor: My parents own a 1992 Oldsmobile Delta 88 with 75,000 miles. Quite often, after being driven, it refuses to restart again. The accessories work; however, there is no sound when the key is turned to the start position. After a 15-20 minute wait, the engine will restart. This

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Drive

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eyesore and the bane of yuppieing suburbs to collectors' items and, now, museum material.

Credit for the positive aspects of this transition must go to a trio of road warriors attracted not only to the act of wheeled travel but also to the odd, the absurd and the wondrous which they witnessed as they drove. They are also blessed with that enviable ability to both make-good-time and yet actually visit the roadside attractions. And then write about them.

Whether this capacity for kitsch collecting came before or after their going pro is uncertain. Anyway, their books on roadside America ("The New Roadside America" 1992) have led many readers down a dusty track in quest of the largest this, the smallest that, or the oldest, tallest whatever in the country (or the world).

The three are Doug Kirby, Ken Smith and Mike Wilkins, all from New Jersey. Why, you may wonder, in a world of flux is their latest book nearly a decade old?

Maybe because they have found the cyber highway an easier route to keeping updated. Not to mention the advantages of reader feedback for both corrections and new discoveries.

It was on this path that I first learned of the prevalence, significance and history of muffler men and the fate of the Boonville resolve to visit the Kansas City survivor.

Muffler men were first considered by the imaginative trio of Roadside America as evidence of a race of giants in many guises (cowboys, Paul Bunyans, massive morons, and the like — sometimes even as bare-chested Indians) positioning themselves strategically to take over the country.

Muffler men also establish beachheads at a far-flung assortment of junkyards, restaurants, miniature golf courses and the aforementioned muffler shops. Similarities of size, features, garb and, most tellingly, a certain arcane positioning of the hands (right turned upward, left curled downward) led the Roadside America observers to narrow their eyes and wonder.

These men enlisted Web surfers to report sightings and characteristics of the muffler men they espied. Gradually, as data built up, patterns emerged — a frequent occurrence in scientific pursuit.

The muffler men were sometimes bearded. Some wore commercial or booster slogans, (The KC muffler man is a University of Missouri fan.) Some held tires, mufflers, axes, flags. Many just stood there — one

palm up, one down. Some had a ferret face: a moronic look. Roadside America designated "happy half-wit."

Then, lo, even a history with emerged. A man named Steve Dashew, now of Arizona, had owned a company in Venice, Calif., called International Fiberglass, and it was the previous owner, one P. Prewitt, who had first looted the roadside America.

The first, he said, was a Paul Bunyan for the Paul Bunyan restaurant on Route 66 in Flagstaff, Ariz. Others stemmed from that model.

A female of the species existed well. Miss Uniroyal wears a dress or a bikini and might carry a smile or look familiar. "I think the sculptor had a thing for Jack Kennedy," Steve Dashew told Roadside America.

Most likely in your travels you will see a muffler man or, perhaps, a more rare Uniroyal without peaking your recognition or interest.

No more. And perhaps you will experience a sighting not yet reported to Roadside America — could await you.

Keep your eyes peeled for muffler men. Indeed, keep your eyes peeled.

Keane

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the past five years range from \$12,760 to \$17,710.

All Civics feature a 1.7-liter ULEV engine that now gets as much as 10 percent improved fuel economy. As an ultra low emission vehicle, this is the first car that can be distributed to all 50 states. Oil changes are now extended from 7,500 miles to 10,000 miles, too. This engine also has more efficient injector design, which improves fuel economy. The EPA mileage ratings are 32

city, 39 highway.

Another feature of this little high-performance engine is reduced engine noise. There are numerous improvements, but one worth noting is the engineers' designed oval pistons that have microscopic holes in the walls. These holes hold oil for slicker lubrication.

The new Civic also has a more rigid crankshaft, plus an automatic timing belt tensioner. Even the engine mounts have been redesigned to diffuse vibration. With numerous improvements under the hood, the result is a quiet engine — with excellent response. My tester had a manual transmission. I particularly enjoyed the sporty feel when shifting from gear to gear.

Even though the Civic is in the small car category, I didn't feel cramped. The interior is reasonably spacious and is easier to enter than any other two-door coupe. Honda people told me that it now has 2.3 cubic feet of additional interior room plus a flat floor, moving the Civic up into the compact class. Yet, the overall exterior dimensions are nearly the same.

Because of the additional space in the interior and trunk, the entire suspension system had to be redesigned. I don't know all the changes that had been made, but I found the ride to be smooth, with very little roll

when cornering. The steering is nimble and tracks true.

This Civic has larger instruments and display panels. All the switches including the moonroof switch and power windows switch, are well illuminated for nighttime driving.

In addition to the safety design of the frame, there are other safety improvements such as dual-stage front airbags, dual seat belt pretensioners, and child seat tethers for anchoring child seats.

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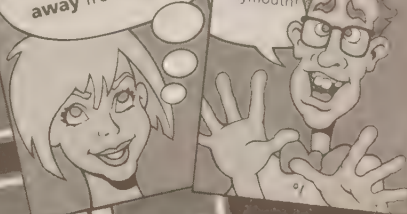
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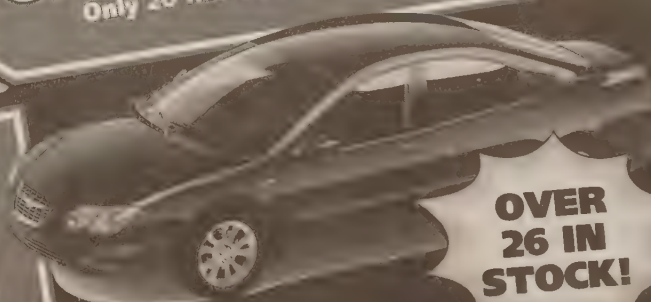
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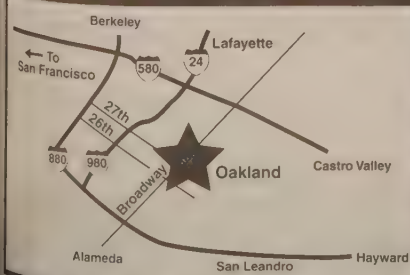
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Doctor

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This problem occurs mostly in the summer time. The dealer says he cannot fix the car unless the no-start condition happens for him. Any ideas would be appreciated. Alan

Dear Alan: It sounds like a starter motor problem. Starter motors usually act up when hot. A quick check

of battery voltage and alternator output under a load test is step one. If the battery checks out, I would have the starter motor replaced and both ground and positive battery cable connections cleaned. Don't forget the ground connection at the engine block. Also, if the battery is more

than four years old, I recommend a 800 Cold Cranking Amperage.

Dear Doctor: I own a 1995 Mercury Cougar 3.8-liter V6 with 107,000 miles. The car has always been serviced by the dealer. At 100,000 miles, the head gaskets were replaced. I complained about a clatter sound

whenever I accelerated slowly. I picked up the car after the head gaskets were replaced. What do you suggest? William

Dear William: Either go back to the dealer with a hearing aid, or go to a shop that will listen to the noise. The 3.8-liter V6 has been a problem

engine for Ford Motor Company. It has paid many claims for head gasket failure. I hope your car is covered under the Ford recall. The clatter sound can be something as simple as a loose exhaust hanger or loose accessory bracket under the hood or engine ping.

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Eventually, the young lady learned to drive, although not in the new Impala. Her father, she recalls, sold the car after about six years.

However, by then she had married Kent Hudson, had her own family and her name had evolved from Nancy to Nicki.

There always seemed to be an antique car around their house, all owned by her husband.

By the end of 1996, the couple decided to get an antique car expressly for her.

It took about a millisecond for her to decide her car had to be a 1962 Chevrolet Impala.

Model 1847, a two-door sport hardtop, was a very popular car and many still exist.

The Hudsons began looking in earnest for her Impala in January 1997. For weeks they chased down various 1962 Impalas.

Most of the dozens of cars they saw were in rough condition or otherwise had a flaw with which they did not want to contend.

In March they answered an ad for a 1962 Chevrolet Impala two-door sport hardtop near Pittsburgh. The owner sent pictures of the otherwise all-white car with a red slash down its length.

He said he had taken the car as payment for a debt a decade before, and it had been residing in his garage for the past 10 years. The odometer registered only 22,000 miles.

The pictures looked promising. While the owner sounded legitimate, Nicki didn't want to travel that far only to be disappointed once again, so she stayed home while her husband made the trip.

On a hunch this might be "the one," her husband borrowed a car trailer from a friend and towed it to Pittsburgh — just in case.

He saw the well-maintained 3,450-pound Impala with the smallest V-8 offered in 1962, a 170-horsepower, 283-cubic-inch engine mated to an automatic transmission and thought, "This isn't a car I would buy for myself."

Because of its power steering and power brakes, he thought it would be perfect for his wife.

After purchasing it, he loaded the vehicle on the trailer and headed home to Woodbridge, Va.

As he approached his destination, he telephoned home to report on what he had done and on what he was towing.

Nicki was so excited about the prospect of having her very own 1962 Impala that she ran out to the front yard and stood there anxiously awaiting the arrival of her antique car.

When the white Impala was unloaded she peeked inside to see an all-red interior, with the exception of the white headliner.

"That didn't hurt," she said, "since red is my favorite color."

The AM radio has a rear speaker nestled in a dip in the middle of the rear seat back. All six side windows have individual hand cranks, including the wing vents. Since the Chevrolet is not equipped with air conditioning, the under-dash air vents are very useful in hot weather.

While driving her 1962 Impala, which had a base price when new of \$2,776, she enjoys how the B.F. Goodrich 7.50x14-inch tires on the 119-inch wheelbase soak up the bumps on the highway.

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She is quite pleased with her Impala, even though the smallest V-8 engine is under the hood.

"It's just perfect for this little granny," she said with a laugh.

Her dozen grandchildren have yet to ride in the car since it is not equipped with seat belts. She hopes to soon correct that deficiency.

The Impala now has more than 24,000 miles on the odometer, most of the recent miles rolled up on the way to and from antique car shows.

As she settles into the red upholstery and rubs her feet on the red carpet while stroking the two-spoke red steering wheel, she has but one regret: four months after

her husband brought her Impala home, he died suddenly.

Consequently, Mrs. Hudson says from the driver's seat, "This car's really special to me."

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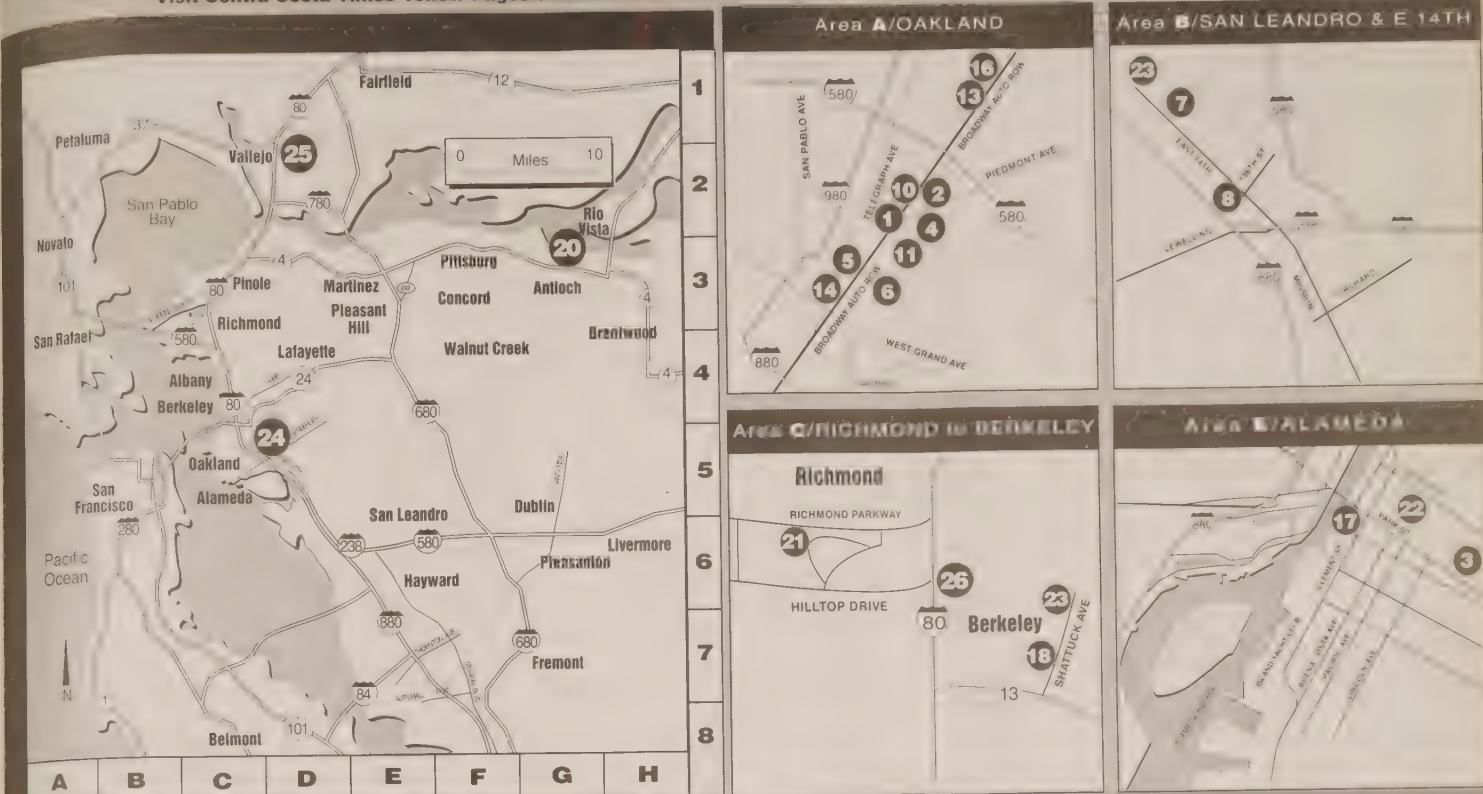
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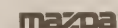
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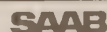
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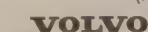
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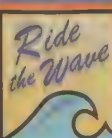
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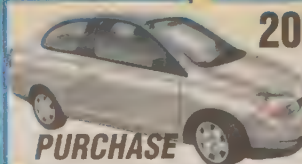
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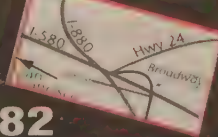
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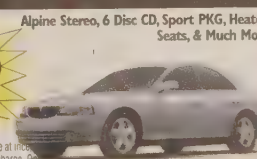
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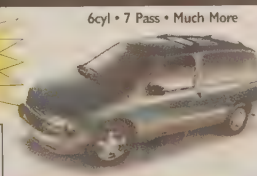
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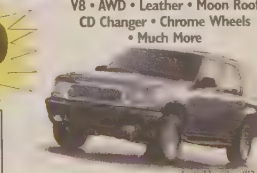


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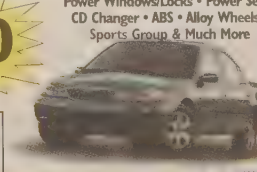


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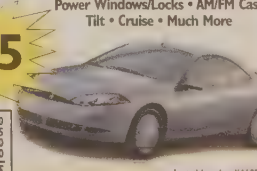


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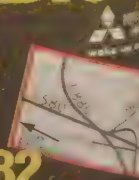
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By Frances Sutz
CHICAGO TRIBUNE

When the air holds a certain snap and the leaves rustling on trees turn shades of Golden Delicious and Ida Red, it's time. Time for the dessert that is fixed in America's heart and soul. Apple pie.

Sure, we can make apple pie year-round, thanks to the Granny Smiths imported from Australia and New Zealand.

But there is no better time to make apple pie than fall, when local varieties of the fruit are at their pinnacle of flavor and crunch.

Several thousand varieties of apples exist today. Sadly, our markets carry only a handful of them, and many are chosen not for taste, but for their ability to survive the trip from tree to market, the jostle from shopping cart to kitchen. Varieties with exotic names—Astrakhan, Northern Spy, Spitzenberg, Opalescent and other more plain-sounding varieties like Idaho Red, Sheep's Nose and Winter Banana can be found on the backroads of America where those in search of a better life once planted them.

The first apple trees in our country date to the Pilgrims, who brought cuttings with them across the Atlantic. American soil proved a hospitable place and apple trees flour-

Everywhere Americans went, so did the apple tree. The Great Plains. The Pacific Coast. With apples plentiful and Americans' passion for pie firmly established, apple pie soon became the American icon it remains today.

But what makes an apple pie, well, American? Start with the fact that we like our apple pies big. We pile the apples in, mounding them to spectacular and sometimes precarious heights.

And then there is that independent streak. Pat Willard, author of "Pie Every Day, Recipes and Slices of Life," thinks Americans have some primal need to make an apple pie our own. When we taste a forkful of someone else's pie, Willard says, "Deep down inside (we) are saying 'It is not like I would make it.'"

The endless number of apple pie recipes in cookbooks support Willard's theory. Varieties include Dutch apple, sour cream apple, five-spice apple, apple-cranberry with cornmeal crust, and even a version that calls for baking the pie in a brown paper bag. But perhaps the most popular variation is the apple crumb (or streusel) pie, like the one made at Bittersweet Bakery in Chicago (see recipe). Owner Judy

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APPLE PIES, the dessert fixed in America's heart and soul, can be baked year round, but the best time is in Autumn when the fruit is fresh from the trees.



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Apple Crumb Pie; Perfect Apple Pie

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This variation of the classic apple pie is a favorite of many, including Beranbaum and Judy Contino, owner of Bittersweet bakery in Chicago. The filling is adapted from Beranbaum's "The Pie and Pastry Bible." The pie dough is adapted from Cook's Illustrated magazine.

Perfect Apple Pie

Preparation time: 1½ hours
Chilling time: 30 minutes
Standing time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 50 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

Concentrating the juices of the apples is a technique that requires only half the usual amount of thickener. The result lets the flavor of the apples shine.

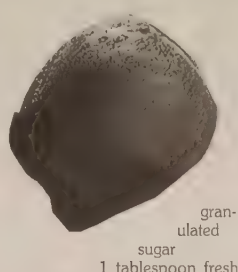
The filling recipe is adapted from "The Pie and Pastry Bible," by Rose Levy Beranbaum; the pie dough is adapted from Cook's Illustrated magazine.

Pie dough:

2 ½ cups flour
2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon salt
11 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
7 tablespoons chilled vegetable shortening or lard
4-5 tablespoons ice water

Filling:

7 medium Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, sliced ¼-inch thick
¼ cup each: light brown sugar,



granulated sugar

1 tablespoon fresh

lemon juice
½-1 teaspoon ground cinnamon
¼ teaspoon freshly grated nutmeg, optional
¼ teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons unsalted butter
1 tablespoon plus 1 teaspoon cornstarch

1. For dough, mix flour, sugar and salt in food processor fitted with metal blade. Scatter butter pieces over flour mixture; pulse about 5 times. Add shortening; process until butter pieces are no larger than small peas and flour resembles coarse cornmeal, about 4 pulses. (This step also can be done using pastry blender.) Sprinkle 4 tablespoons of the water over flour mixture; pulse 5 or 6 times. Add 1 teaspoon water at a time until dough holds together easily. Do not let dough form ball in processor. Place dough on counter. Shape into ball with hands; divide in half. Flatten

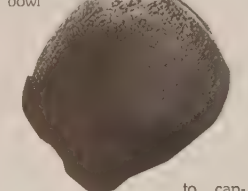
into two 1-inch thick discs. Wrap each in plastic. Refrigerate 30-60 minutes.

2. For filling, combine apples, brown sugar, granulated sugar, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in large bowl; toss to mix. Set aside at room temperature 30 minutes or up to 3 hours to allow apples to macerate. Transfer apples and juices to colander suspended over bowl.

3. Move oven rack to lowest position. Heat to 425 degrees. Re-

frigerate 30-60 minutes.

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to capture liquid. The mixture will release at least ½ cup of liquid.

Add liquid and butter to small saucepan; cook, swirling liquid but not stirring, over medium-high heat until syrupy and lightly caramelized, about 5-10 minutes. Meanwhile, transfer apples back to large bowl; toss well with cornstarch. Pour syrup over apples; toss gently.

3. Move oven rack to lowest position. Heat to 425 degrees. Re-

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Pie

FROM PAGE 1

Contino thinks this is because of the single-crust pie's lovely appearance and the texture of the streusel.

Whatever the individual twist, we are proud to claim any apple pie as our own—even when our homemade pies are bumpy and slightly uneven.

Contino remembers the great apple pie her mother made and says she still hasn't been able to master the recipe.

Contino grew up in New Mexico, where her mother made pies each fall from freshly picked apples.

Simplicity is what she remembers most about those pies, and the hint of cinnamon that flavored the fruit.

As a child, Jacquy Pfeiffer, owner and instructor of the French Pastry School in Chicago, remembers waking up every Friday to the smell of apple pies made by his father, who



owned

a small bakery in Strasbourg, France.

Rose Levy Beranbaum, author of "The Pie and Pastry Bible," re-

calls only one home-baked pie while growing up.

It was an apple pie made by her grandmother.

When Beranbaum told her grandmother she loved it, her response was, "It wasn't worth the trouble."

Beranbaum disagrees. "It is always worth the effort to make your own pie," she writes in her book, "because there is nothing like it."

Listening to Beranbaum talk about pies, it is clear she is passionate about them. She has spent decades perfecting her recipes, including those for apple pie, one of her favorites.

"The perfect apple pie has a crisp bottom crust," Beranbaum says. "It's juicy but it holds together when you cut it. It doesn't have too much thickener. The primary taste is apple."

Pfeiffer emphasizes that the perfect

apple pie is simple, and a spice should overwhelm the apples, which firm when baked.

Willard believes shouldn't be too some tartness to.

Above all, it is a tricky crust that a pie. "The crust says Bob Quig, of Apple Orchard in

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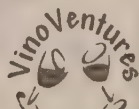
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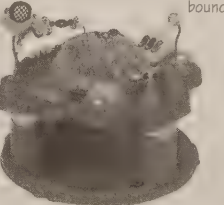
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bottom crust into 12-inch circle; trim about 1/2-inch thick. Place in 9-inch pie pan; trim overhang to 1/2-inch. Transfer apple mixture to pie shell. Roll out top crust into 12-inch circle. Brush overhanging edge of bottom crust with egg wash. Tuck top crust overhanging under bottom crust. Press down edges to seal. Crimp border using fork or fluted wheel. Cut about 4 steam vents in top crust.

4. Bake pie on foil-lined-covered sheet 45-55 minutes or until apples are bubbly through slashes and crust is golden brown. To protect apples from overbrowning during baking, place foil ring around edges of pie. Remove from oven; cool on wire rack for 1 hour or at room temperature.

Best kitchen note: Make a foil ring by cutting a piece of heavy-duty foil into a circle a few inches larger than the pie; cut out center. You can purchase a pie shield at kitchenware stores.

Nutrition information per serving:

Calories: 528
Percentage of calories from fat: 50
Carbohydrates: 62 g

Cholesterol: 50 mg
Sodium: 4.6 g
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Fiber: 3.5 g

Apple Crumb Pie
Preparation time: 1 1/2 hours
Baking time: 1 1/2 hours

Standing time: 30 minutes
Cooking time: 50 minutes
Yield: 8 servings

Pie dough:

- 1 1/2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 7 tablespoons chilled unsalted butter, cut into small pieces
- 4 tablespoons chilled vegetable shortening or lard
- 3-4 tablespoons ice water

Filling:

- 9 Granny Smith apples, peeled, cored, sliced 1/4-inch thick, about 9 1/2 cups
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/4 cup granulated sugar
- 1 tablespoon fresh lemon juice
- 1/2 to 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons unsalted butter
- 2 teaspoons cornstarch

Topping:

- 1 cup walnut or pecan halves
- 1/2 cup packed light brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons granulated sugar
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 1 cup flour
- 1 stick (1/2 cup) unsalted butter, softened
- 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 1 teaspoon salt

1. For dough, mix flour, sugar and salt in food processor fitted with metal blade. Scatter butter pieces over flour mixture; pulse about 5 times. Add shortening; process until butter pieces are no larger than small peas and flour resembles coarse meal. Add about 4 pulses. (This step also can be done using pastry blender.) Sprinkle 3 tablespoons

of the water over flour mixture; pulse 5 or 6 times. Add 1 teaspoon of water at a time until dough holds together easily. Do not let dough form ball in processor. Remove to counter; shape into ball with hands. Flatten into 1-inch thick disc; wrap in plastic. Refrigerate 30-60 minutes. Remove dough from refrigerator. Roll into 13-inch circle; transfer dough to 9-inch pie pan. Fold overhang edge under; crimp edge using fork or fingers. Cover loosely; refrigerate 1 hour or up to 24 hours.

2. For filling, combine apples, brown sugar, granulated sugar, lemon juice, cinnamon, nutmeg and salt in large bowl; toss to mix. Set aside at room temperature 30 minutes or up to 3 hours to allow apples to macerate.

3. For topping, place nuts, brown sugar, granulated sugar and cinnamon in food processor fitted with metal blade; pulse until nuts are coarsely chopped.

Add flour, butter, vanilla and salt; pulse until mixture is crumbly. Remove metal blade.

Pinch mixture together with fingertips to form about 1/2-inch pieces. Set aside.

4. Heat oven to 425 degrees. Remove crust from refrigerator; line with aluminum foil or parchment paper filled with dried beans or pie weights. Bake 20 minutes; remove foil and beans. Prick bottom and sides of crust with fork; bake until crust is lightly golden, about 5-10 minutes more. Remove to wire rack.

5. After apples have macerated 30 minutes, transfer apples and juices to colander suspended over bowl to capture liquid. The mixture will release at least 1/2 cup of liquid

Add liquid and butter to small saucepan; cook, swirling liquid but not stirring, over medium-high heat until liquid is syrupy and lightly caramelized. Transfer apples to large bowl; toss with cornstarch until all traces of it have disappeared. Pour syrup over apples; toss gently.

6. Transfer apple mixture to pie shell. Apples will mound above top of pie pan.

Cover with foil to create dome. Cut 3 steam vents in foil, about 3 inches long. Bake 1 hour on foil-lined baking sheet.

Remove pie from oven; discard foil. Lower oven temperature to 400 degrees.

Sprinkle top of apples with streusel topping, pressing lightly to adhere to apples. Place a ring of foil over edges to protect them from overbrowning; return pie to oven.

Bake until juices bubble, apples feel tender when pierced with knife and streusel is golden brown, about 15-20 minutes. Cool on wire rack. Serve warm or at room temperature.

Nutrition information per serving:

Calories: 695
Percentage of calories from fat: 50
Carbohydrates: 81 g
Fat: 40 g
Cholesterol: 66 mg
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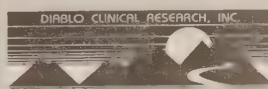
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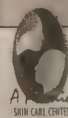
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Tailgating is major part of football ritual

By JOAN BRUNSKILL
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NEW YORK — The tailgating foodfest has become so big, it's part of football game ritual, chef Bobby Flay says, especially college games. It's very competitive, too, he adds, as people get more enthusiastic and ambitious in their provisions. "The bigger the game, the more competitive the tailgating. They bring along every kind of equipment, from tiny portable grills to huge smokers."

Flay, known for his two Manhattan restaurants, Bolo and Mesa Grill, as well as TV shows and cookbooks, suggests using bold, flavorful recipes for the occasion. He also has some forthright advice:

"Be very organized," he said briskly. "Don't wing it. Make lists. Make sure all your equipment works and that you are familiar with it." You don't want to have to muddle through disasters and delays, he says — after all, games' starting times impose some limits here.

"As for the food, stay within your cooking ability — but don't be afraid to try some new ideas."

Asked for his favorite tailgating food, what he'd choose to bite into, he doesn't hesitate: lamb chops.

"They're so easy to eat, like little lollipops. I like to use some honey, fresh horseradish, balsamic vinegar and fresh mint to brush them with, then to use as a baste as I grill them."

To please a party of friends, Flay suggests any or all of the three following recipes. They are flexible enough to adapt to individual timing, taste and cooking equipment.

Bobby Flay's Grilled Shrimp Tortilla Rounds

1 pound medium shrimp, shells removed and deveined

4 tablespoons olive oil
Salt and freshly ground black pepper
2 ripe avocados, peeled, pitted and finely chopped
¼ cup finely diced red onion
1 jalapeno pepper, finely diced
¼ cup freshly squeezed lime juice
¼ cup coarsely chopped fresh cilantro
½ cup crushed tortilla chips
24 bite-size rounds tortilla chips
24 cilantro leaves

Preheat grill to high. Toss the shrimp in 2 tablespoons of the olive oil and season with salt and pepper to taste. Grill the shrimp for 1 minute on both sides, or until cooked through. Remove the shrimp to a cutting board and coarsely chop.

Combine the shrimp, 2 remaining tablespoons olive oil, avocados, onion, pepper, lime juice, cilantro and crushed tortilla chips in a medium bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste. Place a heaping tablespoon of the mixture on each tortilla chip round and garnish with cilantro leaves. Serve immediately.

Makes 8 servings.
Flay's BBQ Ribs With Peanut Chipotle Sauce and Peanut-Green Onion Relish

For Peanut Chipotle Sauce:
8-ounce bottle barbecue sauce
¼ cup smooth peanut butter
¼ cup soy sauce
2 tablespoons rice wine vinegar
2 teaspoons pureed canned chipotle

1½ tablespoons honey
Combine barbecue sauce, peanut butter, soy sauce, vinegar, chipotle and honey. Mix well and reserve. May be stored in the refrigerator for up to 4 days.

For Peanut-Green Onion Relish:
2 cups roasted peanuts, coarsely

chopped
¼ cup finely sliced green onion (see note)
¼ teaspoon ground cinnamon
1 teaspoon finely grated ginger
1 teaspoon sugar

Combine all ingredients in a bowl, just before serving.

Note: Do not prepare more than 1 hour ahead of time because the onions are very perishable; add the peanuts immediately before serving.

For the Ribs:
1 cup soy sauce
2 cups water
4 tablespoons coarsely chopped fresh ginger
2 racks of pork ribs (12 ribs each)
2½ cups Peanut Chipotle Sauce

Preheat oven to 400 F.

In a saucepan over medium-high heat, combine the soy sauce, 2 cups of water and the ginger and bring to a boil. Pour the mixture into the bottom of a roasting pan and place the ribs on a rack in the pan. Brush with the Peanut Chipotle Sauce.

Place in the oven and bake for 1½ to 1¾ hours, basting every 15 minutes. Remove from the oven and cut into single ribs, place on a platter and sprinkle with the Peanut-Green Onion Relish.

Cook's note: You can also remove the ribs from the oven and grill for a few minutes on both sides. This will give more flavor and color and a crispier finish; it will also reheat the ribs if you wish to make them ahead.

Makes 8 servings.
Red Hot Marinated Chicken Skewers With Yogurt Cilantro Sauce

For Red Hot Marinade:
2 teaspoons chili de arbol chili powder (see note)
1 teaspoon cascabel chili powder
1 teaspoon cayenne pepper
2 tablespoons ancho chili powder

1 tablespoon cumin seeds, ground
1 tablespoon honey
½ cup olive oil
2 cups orange juice
8 chicken thighs, skinless and boneless, cut in half lengthwise
32 wooden skewers, soaked in water for 2 hours
Salt to taste
Sixteen 6-inch flour tortillas

In a large bowl, combine chili powders, pepper, ground cumin seeds, honey, olive oil and orange juice to make the marinade. Rub the marinade into the chicken thighs. Cover the chicken and refrigerate for 4 to 6 hours or overnight.

Prepare a charcoal or wood fire and let it burn down to embers, or preheat the broiler.

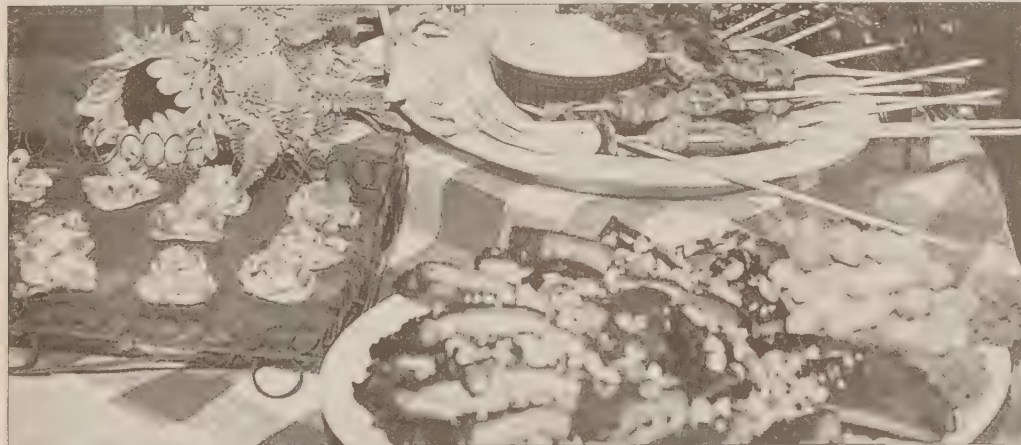
Thread each half chicken thigh onto 2 parallel skewers to keep the meat flat on the grill. Season with salt and grill for about 4 minutes on each side, or until cooked completely. Grill each tortilla for 1 minute on each side. Serve skewers on a platter with the Yogurt Cilantro Sauce and folded grilled tortillas. The chicken may be made ahead and reheated on the grill.

Note: Flay says you can substitute equivalent amounts of any very good quality chili powder if varieties named above are not available.

Yogurt Cilantro Sauce
1 cup plain lowfat yogurt, drained in a colander for 1 hour
2 tablespoons cilantro, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, minced finely
1 tablespoon lime juice
Salt and freshly ground pepper

Combine all ingredients in a medium bowl and season with salt and pepper to taste. Let sit at least one-half hour before serving.

Makes 8 servings



CHEF BOBBY FLAY'S Grilled Shrimp Tortilla rounds, left; Barbecue Ribs with Peanut Chipotle Sauce and Peanut-green Onion Relish, front; Red Hot Marinated Chicken Skewers with Yogurt Cilantro Sauce (rear).

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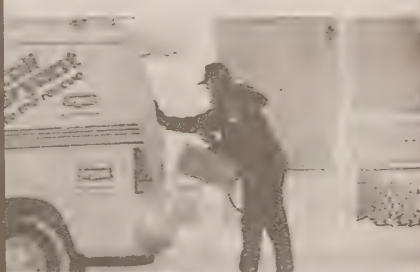
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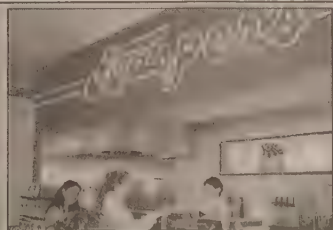
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South of France inspires this fall recipe

By Charlotte Balcomb Lane
KNIGHT-RIDDER TRIBUNE NEWS SERVICE

Tuna Provencal with Vegetable "Pasta" is full of exuberant fall flavors, including ripe tomatoes, green onions, garlic and herbs. In this recipe, which was inspired from the cooking of the South of France, firm, moist and boneless tuna steaks are baked with a high-flavor topping made of olive oil and pine. A tiny amount of olive oil and butter add richness and flavor.

The topping keeps the fish moist in the dry heat of the oven.

Tuna Provencal with Vegetable "Pasta" is a great transitional recipe for people who have been following a high-protein diet and are trying to shift into a more normal eating pattern.

The dish is high in protein, yet is very low in fat. It is also low in carbohydrates, which is a bonus for people on high-protein diets.

The Vegetable "Pasta" is made with fresh green beans and zucchini. The name comes from the way the vegetables are sliced — cut lengthwise into strips to mimic spaghetti. Seasoned lightly with lime or lemon juice and a pinch of sugar, the Vegetable "Pasta" provides flavor, crunch and a nutritious amount of dietary fiber.

Tuna Steaks Provencal

1 1/4 pound tuna steaks (4 steaks),

cut about 1/2 to 3/4-inch thick
Nonstick cooking spray
1/2 tablespoon olive oil
4 medium roma tomatoes, seeded and chopped (about 2 cups)
2 green onions, finely chopped
2 cloves garlic, crushed through a press

1/4 cup dry white wine
1/4 teaspoon dried oregano
1/4 teaspoon dried basil leaves
1/4 teaspoon dried rosemary
1/4 teaspoon salt divided

Freshly ground black pepper to taste

1 teaspoon cold butter, divided
Heat the oven to 375 degrees. Spray a 9-inch square baking dish, or other baking dish with nonstick cooking spray. Place the fish in a single layer without crowding; set aside.
In a 12-inch skillet, heat the olive oil until very hot. Reduce heat and add the tomatoes, green onions and garlic.

Cook over medium to medium-low heat until the tomatoes begin to lose their moisture. Add the white wine, oregano, basil, rosemary and half the salt.

Sprinkle the remaining salt over the tuna steaks. Add freshly ground black pepper to taste. Cook 10 minutes, or until the mixture begins to look like a sauce but is still bright red. Pour sauce evenly over fish.

Dot with butter.

Bake the fish 15 minutes for medium-rare or 20 minutes for well done. Immediately turn on oven broiler and broil fish about 4 inches from heat element until the top browns, about 3 to 4 minutes. Serve hot with Vegetable "Pasta." Makes 4 servings

Vegetable "Pasta"

2 cups green beans, trimmed and cut into 3-inch lengths
3 medium zucchini, trimmed and sliced lengthwise into 3-inch sticks
1/2 tablespoon olive oil
1/2 tablespoon lime or lemon juice
1/4 teaspoon sugar
1/4 teaspoon salt

Bring about 2 cups of water to a boil in a shallow saucepan. Add the green beans in a single layer, cover, and boil for 5 minutes.

Drain beans and rinse under cold water; drain again. In an 8- to 10-inch skillet, heat the olive oil over medium heat.

Add the zucchini and cook for about 4 minutes, or until the zucchini are lightly browned.

Add the green beans and continue cooking for 3 to 4 minutes. Add the lime juice, sugar and salt and stir well to dissolve. Serve immediately. Makes 4 servings



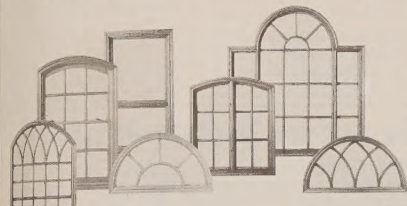
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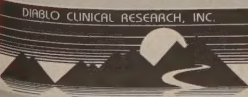
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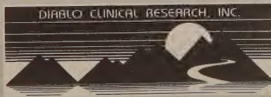
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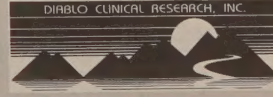
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A variety of ways to enjoy 'the other white meat'

By Stephanie Witt Sedgwick
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Moroccan Spice-Rubbed Pork Tenderloin and Sauté of Zucchini and Apples

Makes 4 servings

Use this method with any seasoning combination that you like. The tenderloins are rubbed with the spice mixture, but not completely coated, so the seasoning is not overpowering. To reinforce the flavor, some of the same spice mixture is used with the vegetables. The result is subtle combination of flavors.

2 pork tenderloins (1 package, a total of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
2 1/2 teaspoons ground coriander
3/4 teaspoon ground cumin
1/2 teaspoon ground cinnamon
3/4 teaspoon salt, plus additional to taste

About 3 tablespoons olive oil
1 to 2 tablespoons butter
1/2 cup diced onion
2 Granny smith apples, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2- to 3/4-inch cubes

3 small (about 1 pound) zucchini, cut into 1/2- to 3/4-inch cubes

Preheat the oven to 425 degrees. Remove the tenderloins from their packaging; rinse and pat dry. If desired, remove and discard the silvery skin that covers the meat at the fat end of each tenderloin. Set aside.

Combine the coriander, cumin, cinnamon and salt. Set aside 1/2 teaspoon of the spice mixture. Rub the remaining mixture over the two tenderloins.

In a large saute pan over medium-high heat, heat enough oil to cover the bottom of the pan. Add the tenderloins and cook until the meat is nicely browned on at least 2 sides. Transfer the tenderloins to a small roasting pan; set aside the saute pan. Place the meat in the preheated oven. Roast until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the tenderloins reads 160 degrees. This should take 20 to 25 minutes, depending on the thickness of the tenderloins.

While the tenderloins cook, use the same saute pan to prepare the zucchini and apples. Return the pan

to medium-high heat. Add 1 tablespoon each of the oil and the butter. When the butter has melted, add the onion and the reserved 1/2 teaspoon of the spice mixture. Sauté until the onion softens, 2 to 3 minutes. Add the apple and zucchini cubes and saute over high heat until the cubes start to brown. Season with salt to taste.

When the tenderloins are done, remove from the oven and let them rest for 5 minutes. Slice on the diagonal and serve over the sautéed zucchini and apple mixture.

Per serving: 431 calories, 56 gm protein, 16 gm carbohydrates, 15 gm fat, 141 mg cholesterol, 5 gm saturated fat, 532 mg sodium, 4 gm dietary fiber

Hot Honey-Glazed Grilled Pork Tenderloin

Makes 4 servings

Grilling is one of my favorite ways to cook pork tenderloins. The tenderloins are on the grill just long enough to absorb some of the unmistakable barbecue flavor, but not so long that you need to worry about indirect heat and managing the fire.

The seasoning is accomplished in three steps. First a spice rub is applied to the tenderloins. Next the barbecue sauce is used to glaze the cooking meat. And to finish the dish, the reserved warm barbecue sauce is drizzled over the sliced pork. This method works equally well with other cuts of meat, including beef and chicken.

Spice-rubbed tenderloin:

1 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon cayenne pepper
1/2 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1/4 teaspoon ground allspice
1/4 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
1 teaspoon sugar
2 pork tenderloins (1 package, 1 1/2 to 2 pounds total)
About 1 tablespoon vegetable oil

Barbecue sauce:

3/4 cup ketchup
1/3 cup honey
1 tablespoon cider vinegar

1 1/2 teaspoon hot red pepper sauce, such as Tabasco
3/4 teaspoon freshly ground nutmeg
1/2 teaspoon ground allspice
Salt to taste

Preheat the grill. For the spice-rubbed tenderloin: Combine the salt, cayenne, nutmeg, allspice, pepper and sugar. Remove the tenderloins from their packaging; rinse and pat dry. If desired, remove and discard the silvery skin that covers the meat at the fat end of each tenderloin.

Sprinkle the spice mixture evenly over the 2 tenderloins, gently rubbing it into the meat. Set aside for 20 to 30 minutes.

For the barbecue sauce: In a small saucepan over medium-low heat, combine all of the ingredients. Bring the mixture to a boil. Immediately remove from the heat. Transfer 1/3 of the sauce to a small bowl to use as a glaze. Keep the remaining sauce warm.

Cook the tenderloins: Lightly brush the tenderloins with the oil and transfer to the preheated grill and cook.

After 15 minutes, begin basting with the barbecue sauce reserved as a glaze in the small bowl.

If the tenderloins begin to burn, transfer to a cooler part of the grill. Grill for about 10 more minutes, basting occasionally, until a meat thermometer inserted in the thickest part of the tenderloins reads 160 degrees.

Set the tenderloins aside to rest for 10 minutes, then cut into 1/4-inch thick slices. Fan out the slices on a platter or on individual serving plates. Drizzle the slices with the reserved warm barbecue sauce and serve.

Per serving: 389 calories, 55 gm protein, 20 gm carbohydrates, 9 gm fat, 133 mg cholesterol, 2 gm saturated fat, 996 mg sodium, trace

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Pineapple and Pork Kebabs

Makes 4 servings

Look no farther than the butcher counter to see evidence of the enduring appeal of kebabs — the cases are full of ready-to-cook versions. Kebabs are so easy, though, that there's no reason not to prepare your own. Just marinate the meat cubes to help keep them moist — tender pieces of meat need only about 20 minutes to absorb the flavor. Take care not to pack the meat too tightly on the skewers and then don't overcook. And most of all, don't pair meat that cooks quickly with cubes of vegetables or fruits that cook slowly.

Here, I've used pineapple, which cooks at the same rate as the pork and emerges from the barbecue or broiler nicely charred and wonderfully warm.

3 tablespoons Dijon-style mustard
2 tablespoons white-wine vinegar or cider vinegar
Salt and freshly ground black pepper to taste

6 tablespoons olive oil
2 pork tenderloins (1 package, a total of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
1/2 whole pineapple, peeled, cored and cut into 1/2-by-1-by-1-inch pieces

About 12 skewers

Preheat the grill or broiler. In a large bowl, whisk together the mustard, vinegar, salt, pepper and oil. Remove the pork tenderloins from their packaging; rinse and pat dry. Cut the tenderloins into 1-inch cubes. Add the cubes to the marinade and toss to coat. Set aside to marinate for 20 to 30 minutes.

When ready to cook, thread the pork and pineapple cubes alternately on the skewers, starting and ending with a pork cube. Each skewer should hold about 4 pork cubes and 3 pineapple cubes. Grill

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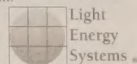
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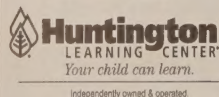
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Pork

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low minutes, until the pork is cooked through, 10 to 15 minutes.

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Pork Tenderloin Medallions With Sweet-and-Sour Plum Sauce

Makes 4 servings
The sweet-and-sour flavor in this dish is of the German, not Asian variety. This is my own take on the classic combination of pork, fruit and vinegar. I've chosen to use plums, which are in abundance now and add a wonderful reddish hue to the sauce. The pork is cut and pounded into medallions that are flavored with ginger. The ginger adds a bit of heat, providing a contrast to the sweet.

Not the most traditional combination, but the flavors blend well.

2 pork tenderloins (1 package, a total of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
2 tablespoons ginger to taste

1/2 cup flour
2 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1/2 cup plum (about 6 ounces)

1/2 cup cider vinegar
1/2 cup plum, pitted and cut into 1/4-inch thick slices

1/2 cup chicken stock or broth
1/2 tablespoons sugar

Remove the pork tenderloins from their packaging; rinse and dry. Cut the tenderloins into medallions about 3/4- to 1-inch thick, using the thin end pieces for some other use. Working with 1 medallion at a time, place the medallion with a cut side down on a cutting board.

Use the palm of your hand to flatten the medallion until it is between 1/4 inch and 1/2 inch thick.

Be careful, the meat is tender and will mash if you use too much pressure. Repeat with the remaining pieces.

Lay the prepared medallions out and sprinkle generously with the ground ginger on both sides, adding salt to taste. Spread the flour out in a shallow bowl or on a small rimmed plate.

Heat a large saute pan over medium-high heat, adding enough oil and butter to generously coat the pan.

In batches, dredge the pork pieces in the flour and add to the hot pan. Take care not to crowd the pan. Cook the pork until brown on both sides and cooked through, 3 to 4 minutes on each side. Add additional oil and butter when needed. Keep the cooked medallions warm while the remaining pork is cooked and the sauce prepared.

When the pork is cooked, use the same pan to prepare the sauce. The bottom will be coated with browned flour. Add additional butter and oil if the pan is dry. Add the onions and cook over medium-high heat until the onions soften and start to turn golden, about 6 minutes.

Add the vinegar, scraping up any browned flour from the bottom of the pan. Let the mixture cook for a minute so the vinegar reduces and almost evaporates.

Add the plums and saute for 2 minutes, then add the chicken broth and sugar. Let the mixture come to a boil. Cook until the plum slices soften, the sauce takes on a red color and reduces to a sauce-like consistency, 6 to 7 minutes.

Arrange the warm pork medallions on serving plates and top with a generous spoonful of the plum sauce. Serve immediately.

Per serving: 473 calories, 56 gm protein, 16 gm carbohydrates, 19 gm fat, 151 mg cholesterol, 7 gm saturated fat, 220 mg sodium, 1 gm dietary fiber

Pork Stroganoff

Makes 4 to 6 servings

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Adapted from a recipe for beef stroganoff in "Please to the Table" by Anya von Bremzen and John Welchman (Workman, 1990).

2 pork tenderloins (1 package, a total of 1 1/2 to 2 pounds)
3 tablespoons butter
2 tablespoons vegetable oil
1 cup diced onion
1 pound mushrooms, thinly sliced
Salt to taste

1 tablespoon flour
2/3 cup beef stock or broth
1/3 heavy (whipping) cream
1/2 cup sour cream
1 tablespoon Dijon-style mustard
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh dill
1 tablespoon finely chopped fresh parsley

Remove the tenderloins from their packaging; rinse and pat dry. If desired, remove and discard the silvery skin that covers the meat at the fat end of each tenderloin. Cut each tenderloin in half. Take each half and cut in half lengthwise. You will have 8 slabs of pork about 6 inches long and 1/2- to 1-inch thick. From these slabs, cut thin slices, about 1/4-inch thick or less.

In a large saute pan, heat 1 tablespoon of the butter and 1 tablespoon of the oil over medium-high heat.

Add a portion of the pork slices, being careful not to crowd the pan. Saute until browned and cooked through, about 6 minutes. Transfer the cooked pork to a clean plate and repeat the cooking process with the remaining pork, adding more butter and oil if needed.

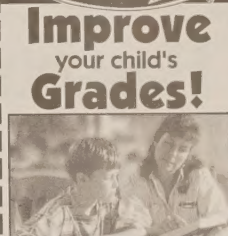
When the pork is all cooked, add the onions and the remaining butter and oil to the pan. Cook over medium-high for 3 minutes, then add the mushrooms and salt to taste. Cook, stirring frequently, until the liquid from the mushrooms has evaporated and the mushrooms have begun to brown, 12 to 15 minutes. Add the flour and stir until it has dissolved. Pour in the beef broth and cream and cook until the liquids thicken. Reduce the heat to medium-low and add the mustard and sour cream. Stir to combine, then add the cooked pork. Combine and let heat until the pork slices are heated through.

Remove from the heat. Stir in the dill and parsley. Taste and add salt as needed. Serve immediately.

Per serving (based on 4): 584 calories, 61 gm protein, 12 gm carbohydrates, 33 gm fat, 197 mg cholesterol, 16 gm saturated fat, 370 mg sodium, 2 gm dietary fiber.

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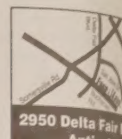
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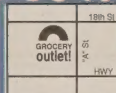
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